period for diagnostic purposes only, and not to correct disqualifying or other defects. Perform examinations and make disposition of completed forms per BUMEDINST 6120.3M.

(b) Applicants who suffer injury or acute illness while awaiting or undergoing processing at Navy and Marine Corps facilities or at MEPS may be furnished emergency medical and dental care, including emergency hospitalization, for that injury or illness.

§ 728.76 Naval Home residents.

Provide necessary medical and dental care, both inpatient and outpatient, to residents of the Naval Home when requested by the Governor of the Home. In an emergency, care may be rendered without prior approval of the Governor; however, the Governor of the Home should be contacted immediately and requested to furnish authorization.

§ 728.77 Secretarial designees.

Subject to the capabilities of the professional staff and the availability of space and facilities, naval MTFs and DTFs will provide treatment to individuals that have been granted Secretarial designee status by any of the three service Secretaries (Navy, Army, or Air Force), the Secretary of Commerce for NOAA personnel, the Secretary of Health and Human Services for USPHS personnel, or the Secretary of Transportation for Coast Guard personnel.

(a) *Potential designees.* Upon a showing of sufficient cause, the Secretary of the Navy may authorize individuals, not otherwise authorized by law, to receive such care as is available in naval MTFs in the United States. Designation may be extended on a worldwide basis for preadoptive children and wards of active duty members, and for abused dependents delineated in paragraph (a)(6) of this section. Temporary in loco parents or foster parent status of the member with regard to a minor is insufficient for approval. Also, civilian health care under the CHAMPUS program cannot be authorized for other than abused dependents. The Secretary's discretionary authority is exercised most conservatively, however, favorable action is usually taken on re-

quests involving the following situations:

(1) Preadoption proceedings wherein an active duty member or a retired member has taken affirmative legal action to adopt a child.

(2) Custodianships and guardianships authorized by a court order wherein the member is designated by the court as the custodian or guardian and the child is fully dependent upon the active duty or retired member sponsor.

(3) Evaluation and selection of nonbeneficiaries who are donor candidates for an organ or tissue transplant procedure in behalf of a military service beneficiary.

(4) Nonbeneficiary participants in officially approved clinical research studies.

(5) Unremarried former spouses who: Require care for a condition incurred during or caused/aggravated by conditions associated with the member's or former member's creditable service; do not qualify under the former spouses act; and do not have medical coverage under an employer-sponsored health plan which will provide for the care required.

(6) Abused dependents of discharged or dismissed former uniformed services members in need of medical or dental care resulting from knowledge of the abuse or for an injury or illness resulting from abuse by the former member. Eligibility will terminate the earliest of 1 year after the date on which the member is discharged or dismissed from a uniformed service, or when care is no longer needed.

(7) In other instances wherein the circumstances clearly merit the providing of treatment in naval MTFs, and in which the best interest of the patient, the Navy, *and* the Government will be served, favorable Secretarial action may result. The mere need of medical care by a former beneficiary or other person, alone, will not support approval of such a request.

(b) *Requests for consideration.* Requests for consideration will be submitted to the Commander, Naval Medical Command (MEDCOM–33) by applicants via their command, when applicable, or by the Medical Department command concerned. Requests should include any pertinent information

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