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MEMORANDUM FOR UNDER SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY
DEPARTMENTS
DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF
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SUBJECT: Urine Specimen Validity Testing of Military Members

Although the Department of Defense (DoD) drug testing program directs military members to provide urine specimens under direct observation, the military laboratories get occasional requests for validity testing to determine some possible attempt to adulterate the specimen.

The Army Forensic Toxicology Drug Testing Laboratory (FTDTL) at Fort Meade, MD, holds both a DoD certification as well as a Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) certification under the National Laboratory Certification Program (NLCP) (attachment 1). The NLCP certification credentials the Fort Meade FTDTL to conduct validity testing under DHHS guidelines in support of the DoD civilian drug testing program.

Based on the recommendation from the Chairman of the Biological Testing Advisory Board (attachment 2), this memorandum allows Service components that require validity testing of military members' specimens to use the services provided by the Fort Meade FTDTL.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elder Granger".

Elder Granger
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Deputy Director

Attachments:
As stated