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This directive states the mission, defines the command structure, and establishes the responsibilities of the Air Force Medical Support Agency (AFMSA) as an Air Force Field Operating Agency (FOA). Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) using the AF For 847, Recommendation for Changes of Publication; route AF Forms 847 from field units through the appropriate functional chain of command. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with Air Force Manual (AFMAN) 33-363, Management of Records, and disposed of in accordance with Air Force Records Information Management System (AFRIMS) Records Disposition Schedule (RDS) located at <https://www.my.af.mil/gcss-af61a/afrims/afrims/>.”

1. Mission. The Air Force Medical Support Agency (AFMSA), as documented by paragraph 2.3 of Headquarters Air Force (HAF) Mission Directive 1-48, *The Air Force Surgeon General*, and this Air Force Mission Directive, directly supports the office of the Air Force Surgeon General (AF/SG). AFMSA provides the expert staff and processes to ensure success of the Air Force Medical Service. The AFMSA Commander asserts command authority over personnel assigned to perform force management, health care operations, research and acquisitions, plans and programming, and financial management.

2. Organizational and Command Structure.

2.1. The AFMSA is a field operating agency (FOA) reporting to the AF/SG.

2.2. The AFMSA Commander:

2.2.1. Is responsible to the Chief of Staff of the Air Force for administration, training and readiness of assigned forces. Reports to the Deputy Air Force Surgeon General, Office of the AF/SG.

2.2.2. Provides support to Headquarters Air Force (HAF), Department of Defense (DoD), Major Commands (MAJCOMs), Direct Reporting Units (DRUs) and FOAs, and AF medical treatment facilities (MTFs) on behalf of AFMS interests.

2.2.3. Partners with Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs (ASD[HA]), Secretary of the Air Force, Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Department of Veterans Affairs, Defense Health Agency (DHA), and numerous professional societies and associations, civil organizations, education, industry, press, and non-governmental organizations.

2.2.4. Commands all personnel assigned to AFMSA. Specifically, asserts administrative control for personnel primarily aligned under five Directorates: Force Management (SG1), Health Care Operations (SG3), Research and Acquisitions (SG5), Plans and Programming (SG8), and Financial Management (SGY).

3. Responsibilities. The AFMSA Commander:

3.1. Executes efforts in support of the strategic charter of the Air Force Medical Service (AFMS).

3.2. Exercises direction, guidance, and technical management of entire AFMS to capitalize on the opportunities to improve processes at all levels.

3.3. Develops policy, plans, resources, and decisions impacting AFMSA operational readiness.

3.4. Works in close coordination with MAJCOMs and other health agencies, federal and civilian, to effect maximum utilization of the nation's medical resources and services.

3.5. Directs input into the Planning Programming Budgeting and Execution (PPBE) process, such that a balanced Program Objective Memorandum (POM) is developed to meet needs.

3.6. Works seamlessly with AF/SG staff to accomplish the AFMS mission to provide Air Force medical expeditionary capabilities to support the national security strategy by defining and executing health care policy for 44,000 personnel at 76 MTFs with a \$6B budget; ensuring a cost-effective, patient-centered, and prevention-based health care continuum for 2M beneficiaries worldwide; and building strategic partnerships.

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