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From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

To: Ships and Stations Having Medical Department Personnel

Subj: CREDENTIALS REVIEW AND PRIVILEGING PROGRAM – ANNOUNCEMENT OF CORE AND SUPPLEMENTAL PRIVILEGES FOR ADULT PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER (PMHNP)

Ref: (a) BUMEDINST 6320.66E

Encl: (1) Revised Pages iii, H-3, and new pages H-14 and H-15

1. Purpose. To announce the approval of core and supplemental clinical privileges for the Adult PMHNP consistent with reference (a) for immediate practice implementation.

2. Scope. The PMHNP is a licensed registered nurse with a graduate degree in nursing who has successfully achieved national certification as a PMHNP and holds a subspecialty code of 1973. These nurses may be assigned to a billet for an adult PMHNP or be located within a military treatment facility (MTF) and designated (due to facility need) to function in the role of a PMHNP. These nurses must be endorsed with core and supplemental privileges as advanced practice nurses by their respective MTF's executive committee of the medical staff.

3. Background. The Navy Nurse Corps has a cadre of mental health nurses who have acquired additional educational preparation and achieved national certification as PMHNPs. These nurses are prepared to meet the psychiatric and mental health care needs of our beneficiary population. As their certification preceded the release of the Navy's core and supplemental clinical privileges for this specialty, they practiced in our MTFs with itemized privileges (germane only to the MTF to which they were assigned). Approval of enclosure (1), the PMHNP core and supplemental privileges, provides affirmation of their advanced practice role and greater utilization of their critical skill set at treatment facilities in the continental United States (CONUS), outside the continental United States (OCONUS), and in operational settings.

4. Action. Effective immediately, advanced practice nurses possessing qualifications as detailed in this instruction may begin to practice in this clinical specialty. Remove pages iii and H3 of reference (a) and replace with like-numbered pages and new pages H-14 and H-15 of enclosure (1).


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circumstances, a waiver of this 12-month requirement will be considered and must be obtained from the relevant specialty leader. Approved certification jurisdictions are in this instruction.

- c. Possession of a current, valid and unrestricted license as a registered professional nurse, per this instruction.
- d. Current clinical competence.
- e. No health status contraindications to granting clinical privileges as delineated.

7. Criteria for advanced practice nurses (APN) supplemental privileges:

- a. Criteria for core privileges.
- b. Compliance with specialty-specific criteria, which have been endorsed by the ECOMS and approved by the privileging authority.
- c. Demonstrated experience and competence in techniques requiring special skills. Certification necessary in certain identified procedures.

8. Core privilege sheets are included in this appendix for the following APN specialties:

Certified Nurse Anesthetist
Certified Nurse Midwife
Family Nurse Practitioner
Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
Women's Health Nurse Practitioner
Adult Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

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**ADULT PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH
NURSE PRACTITIONER (PMHNP) - CORE PRIVILEGES**

In collaboration with the mental health staff, the PMHNP will provide assessment, evaluation, consultation, examination, differential diagnosis and treatment planning for the following disorders defined by the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual for Mental Disorders published by the American Psychiatric Association for patient populations between the ages of 17 and 65 years:

- * Uncomplicated Mood Disorders
- * Uncomplicated Anxiety Disorders
- * Uncomplicated Sleep Disorders
- * Uncomplicated Adjustment Disorders
- * Uncomplicated Personality Disorders
- * Uncomplicated Psychoactive substance use/addictive disorder
- * Management of stable Psychotic disorders
- * Combat stress reaction

Diagnostic and therapeutic procedures:

- * Clinical Interviewing
- * Psychosocial history taking
- * Mental Status examination
- * Physical examination including radiological and laboratory testing
- * Neurological examination
- * Multidisciplinary treatment planning (in the role of a LIP and not NCM)
- * Medical management as related to primary mental health care
- * Major types of psychotherapy including:
 - Individual therapy
 - Marital therapy
 - Family therapy
 - Behavioral therapy
 - Stress management
 - Crisis intervention
 - Group therapy
 - Brief therapy
 - Psychodynamic therapy
 - Cognitive therapy
 - Bereavement
- * Community outreach (health promotion, command consultation)
- * Consultation liaison (Inpatient/Outpatient)

Prescribe all medicines including Schedules II – V, in accordance with Navy and licensing authority policy.

**ADULT PSYCHIATRIC MENTAL HEALTH NURSE PRACTITIONER (PMHNP)
SUPPLEMENTAL PRIVILEGES**

Write "Yes" or "No" by each supplemental privilege

Other:

Treatment Facility: _____ Date Requested: _____

Practitioner Name: _____ Date Approved: _____