From: Commander, Naval Surface Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet
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To: Commander, Naval Medical Logistics Command

Via: Commander, U.S. Fleet Forces Command (N01H)

Subj: REQUEST FOR AMAL SUBSTITUTION AND REPLACEMENT FOR PNEUMOTHORAX CATHETERIZATION KITS NSN 6515015419504 and 6515013108335

1. Request NSN 6515014607008, Pneumothorax Catheterization Kit be approved as substitution and replacement for Pneumothorax Catheterization Kits NSN 6515015419504 and 6515013108335 on the shipboard Allowed Medical Allowance List (AMAL).

2. There are currently three different types of Pneumothorax Catheterization kits listed on shipboard AMAL(s). These items are emergency AMAL item that are procured through supply system via MILSTRIP/MILSTRAP and have a long lead time of six months or greater prior to vendor shipping and ships receiving items. This makes it extremely difficult for the medical departments to consistently maintain items in emergency AMAL at 100 percent at all times.

3. It has been determined by subject matter experts that there is no valid reason or requirement to have three different types of Pneumothorax Catheterization Kits on the AMAL. The substitution Pneumothorax Catheterization Kit will provide the same level of emergency care as the existing kits.

4. Approving request will eliminate two of the three Pneumothorax Kits currently on the AMAL; therefore reducing cost to OPTAR and allow medical departments to procure and receive substitution Pneumothorax Catheterization Kit from other supply source in a timely manner to maintain emergency AMALs.
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