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MEMORANDUM FOR AF/SG HQ DIRECTORATES  
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FROM: HQ USAF/SG  
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SUBJECT: Air Force Medical Service (AFMS) Strategic Imperatives

Air Force medical forces must be ready, agile, effective, and strategically aligned with the operational Air Force, Space Force, and Joint Force. The AFMS is transforming to meet this need, to include the stand up of the Air Force Medical Command (AFMEDCOM) that will optimize a medical readiness focus while partnering with the Defense Health Agency. Four imperatives will guide the AFMS in this evolving mission set:

***Deliver DAF Integrated Operational Capabilities*** – Integrate tailored medical capabilities into operational units of action. Enhance medical resuscitation, damage control surgery, and patient staging. Strengthen home station readiness support.

***Joint Force Readiness Support*** – Enhance joint patient movement capability, capacity, and interoperability. Enable medical capabilities to sustain top-tier casualty care in a complex, contested environment.

***Medical Force Development*** – Invest in advanced medical, dental, and allied health education, training, and experiences to sustain currency and proficiency. Innovate training platforms to optimize readiness, recruitment, and retention.

***Providing a Medically Ready Force*** – Drive exceptional health and readiness outcomes by leading, innovating, and delivering premier health service support in all settings, including Military Medical Treatment Facilities within Defense Health Networks.

Your unwavering dedication, expertise, and commitment to excellence in executing these vital mission sets are critical to AFMS success. This requires unity of effort and renewed commitment to our Air Force core values – *Integrity, Service, and Excellence!* The collective focus on these four imperatives will ensure Air Force medics deliver Trusted Care...Anytime, Anywhere! I am grateful and appreciative for every one of you that support the Total Force AFMS mission. You make me proud every day!

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