

ATTACHMENT 1

DEFINITIONS

ADULT. For purposes of this memorandum, an adult is a service member or a person who is not a service member who has either attained the age of eighteen years of age or is married.

COVERED COMMUNICATION. An oral, written or electronic communication of personally identifiable information related to a domestic abuse incident made by a victim to the victim advocate, the supervisor of victim advocates, or to a healthcare provider, for the purposes of receiving medical care or information, referral to service providers, advice, or safety planning. It includes a record relating to such a communication (including statements, notations or reports) but does not include statistical data that does not identify an individual.

DOMESTIC ABUSE. Domestic abuse is (1) domestic violence or (2) a pattern of behavior resulting in emotional/psychological abuse, economic control, and/or interference with personal liberty when such violence or abuse is directed toward a person of the opposite sex who is: (a) A current or former spouse; (b) A person with whom the abuser shares a child in common; or (c) A current or former intimate partner with whom the abuser shares or has shared a common domicile.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE. An offense under the United States Code, the Uniform Code of Military Justice, or State law that involves the use, attempted use, or threatened use of force or violence against a person of the opposite sex, or the violation of a lawful order issued for the protection of a person of the opposite sex, who is: (a) A current or former spouse; (b) A person with whom the abuser shares a child in common, or (c) A current or former intimate partner with whom the abuser shares or has shared a common domicile.

HEALTHCARE PROVIDER. For the purpose of this policy, this term applies to those individuals employed or assigned as healthcare professionals, or are credentialed to provide health care services (including clinical social workers), at a military medical or military dental treatment facility, or a military family support center, or who provide such care at a deployed location or in an official capacity. This term includes military personnel, DoD civilian employees or DoD contractor personnel.

VICTIM ADVOCACY SERVICES. Services that are offered to victims of domestic abuse with the goal of increasing victim safety and autonomy. Services shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, responding to victims' emergency and ongoing safety concerns and needs, providing information about programs and services available to victims and their children in both the civilian and military communities, and providing victims with ongoing support and referrals.

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VICTIM ADVOCATE. An employee of the Department of Defense, a civilian working under contract for the Department of Defense, or a civilian providing services via a formal memorandum of understanding between the installation and a local victim advocacy service agency, whose role is to provide safety planning services and comprehensive assistance and liaison to and for victims of domestic abuse, and to educate personnel on the installation regarding the most effective responses to domestic abuse on behalf of victims and at-risk family members. The advocate may also be a volunteer military member, a volunteer civilian employee of the Military Department, or staff assigned as a collateral duty.