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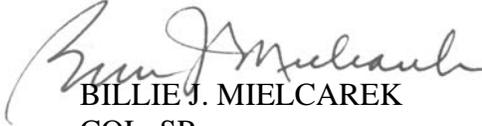
REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

30 July 2004

POLICY STATEMENT NO. 24

EMERGENCY TREATMENT OF CIVILIANS AND NON-TRICARE PRIME PATIENTS

1. Within the medical treatment facilities (MTFs) of this medical department activity (MEDDAC), all patients who present with conditions that are a potential threat to life, limb, or eyesight will be appropriately assessed and stabilized regardless of patient beneficiary status.
2. All patients who present to the MEDDAC's MTFs for emergency care will, at a minimum, be screened by a nurse, nurse practitioner or physician for the presence or absence of conditions which may threaten life, limb, or eyesight. When such a condition exists, the patient will receive an appropriate examination by a licensed independent practitioner and treatment will be given to stabilize the condition consistent with the MTF's scope of care. If further evaluation or treatment is required, the patient will be transferred to the appropriate level of care. Coordination will be done to ensure continuity of care consistent with good medical practice.
3. Under no circumstance will a patient be denied appropriate medical care because of patient beneficiary status.

  
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