This Directive establishes the Air Force Dental Services (AFDS) policy for developing and maintaining comprehensive programs for the prevention and treatment of dental disease to ensure personnel dental readiness in support of expeditionary operations. This Directive applies to all active duty Air Force, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard personnel in military status. It establishes individual dental health and readiness classifications and establishes responsibility for the performance of clearance evaluations and provision and documentation of dental treatment(s). Air Reserve Component (ARC) personnel, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard, are eligible to be seen in an active duty dental clinic. ARC members need not be in military status to schedule an appointment, however, they must be in military status (active, inactive, or points only) at the time the examination is performed.

This Directive implements the dental readiness policy portions of DoD Instruction 6025.19, Individual Medical Readiness; DoD Directive 6200.04, Force Health Protection (FHP) and OASD(HA) policy letters: 97-061, Policy on Reporting Dental Workload and Diagnostic Data; 98-031 Revised Utilization Management Policy for the Direct Care System when applied to dental practice; 02-011, Policy on Standardization of Oral Health and Readiness Classifications; 05-020, Policy for Cosmetic Surgery Procedures in the Military Health System when applied to oral surgeons, 06-001, Policy on Oral Health and Readiness and 07-011, Policy on Space Available Dental Care. The Air Force also recognizes, and this policy implements, civilian standards reflected by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Ensure that all records created as a result of processes prescribed in this publication are maintained in accordance with AFMAN 33-363, Management of Records, and disposed of in accordance with the Air Force Records Disposition Schedule (RDS) located at https://www.my.af.mil/afrims/afrims/afrims/rims.cfm.
SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This publication has been completely revised and should be reviewed in its entirety. The provision of periodic dental examinations for Air Reserve Component personnel and the performance of clearance examinations for all AF personnel was added. Reference to all offices subordinate to the HAF two-letter/digit were removed. Dental health classifications were removed from the body of this Directive and placed in Attachment 1.

1. Policy

1.1. Oral health and hygiene are important components of force fitness and deployment readiness. The Air Force will establish and maintain comprehensive programs for the prevention and treatment of dental disease to ensure dental readiness for personnel in support of expeditionary air, space and cyberspace operations.

1.2. The base dental service will provide for periodic examinations for all Air Force personnel to include Air Reserve Component, establish individual dental health and readiness classification, perform clearance evaluations, and provide and document dental treatment(s). A priority-based appointment system will be used to maximize dental readiness. Air Reserve Component personnel are eligible to be seen in an active duty dental clinic. ARC members need not be in military status to schedule an appointment, however, they must be in military status (active, inactive, or points only) at the time the examination is performed.

2. The Air Force Surgeon General is responsible for policy oversight and advocacy of the Air Force Dental Service and for interface with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs) (ASD(HA)) concerning development of Department of Defense (DoD) policy and in coordination with the Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force, (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) (SAF/MR).

Michael B. Donley
Secretary of the Air Force
Attachment 1

GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION

References
DoDI 6025.19, Individual Medical Readiness, Jan 3, 2006
DoDD 6200.04, Force Health Protection (FHP), 9 Oct 2004
OASD(HA) Policy Letter P97-061, Policy on Reporting Dental Workload and Diagnostic Data, August 14, 1997

Adopted Form
AF Form 847, Recommendation to Change a Publication.

Abbreviations and Acronyms
DoDI—Department of Defense Instruction
HAF—Headquarters Air Force
OASD(HA)—Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense(Health Affairs)

Terms
Oral Health—affects overall health and reduces the likelihood of dental emergencies in a deployed environment. The goal for all Air Force personnel is to be in Dental Class 1.

Dental Health and Readiness Classifications—:

Class 1 (Optimum Oral Health): Patients with a current dental examination who do not require treatment or reevaluation. Class 1 patients are worldwide deployable.

Class 2 (Satisfactory Oral Health): Patients with a current dental examination who require non—urgent dental treatment or reevaluation for oral conditions which are unlikely to result in dental emergencies within 12 months. Class 2 patients are worldwide deployable.

Class 3 (Unsatisfactory Oral Health): Patients who require urgent or emergent dental treatment.
Class 3 patients are normally not considered to be worldwide deployable.
Class 4 (Indeterminate Oral Health): Patients who require periodic dental examinations or patients with unknown dental classifications. Class 4 patients are not considered ready for deployment.