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NOTE 1: Acknowledge receipt of e-mail and fax to "ccarson" by 1600, 24 Jan 97.

NOTE 2: Implement procedues 27 Jan 97.

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From MMD

Subj Interim Message Change 6 to USMEPCOM Reg 40-8, HIV/DAT

To All Sector & MEPS Commanders

Ref A USMEPCOM Reg 40-8, Human Immunodeficiency Virus and Department of Defense (DOD) Preaccession Drug and Alcohol Testing (DAT) Programs

1. This message confirms necessary changes to subject regulation. Expect more interim changes as automation procedures and policy changes occur.
2. Add the following at the end of paragraph 1-11.

"Federal law states that "nondrug use" of peyote by native Americans in bona fide religious ceremonies is legal and, in such circumstances, shall not be considered a controlled substance. Therefore, disclosure by Native American applicants of peyote or mescal use in religious ceremonies does not require either an annotation in the medical history or referral to the service liaison. If annotation is made in block 25, SF 93, it must state that usage was in a Native American religious ceremony and legal in accordance with Title 21, United States Code."

3. Point of contact is Carolyn Carson, MMD, Program Manager, DSN 792-3820 or commercial (847) 688-3820, e-mail "ccarson", fax (847) 688-2630.