

March 2, 2010

DIRECTIVE:	JOB CORPS PRH CHANGE NOTICE NO. 09-20 AND RELATED PAG CHANGES
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TO: ALL JOB CORPS NATIONAL OFFICE STAFF
ALL JOB CORPS REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF
ALL JOB CORPS CENTER DIRECTORS
ALL JOB CORPS CENTER OPERATORS
ALL NATIONAL TRAINING AND SUPPORT CONTRACTORS
ALL OUTREACH, ADMISSIONS, AND CTS CONTRACTORS

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SUBJECT: Policy and Requirements Handbook (PRH) Chapter 6, Section 6.10, R1.c:
Entrance Laboratory Testing Requirements

1. Purpose. To update the PRH regarding Job Corps entrance pelvic examination and Pap smear requirements for women, to be consistent with a change in recommendations by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG).
2. Background. Pelvic examination with Pap smear screening was previously required for all women upon entry to Job Corps. In December 2009 a new clinical management guideline was released by ACOG recommending that Pap smear screening begin at age 21 years regardless of age of onset of sexual activity. This recommendation was based on (a) a very low incidence of cervical cancer in younger women; (b) a high incidence of human papillomavirus (HPV) infection that will spontaneously clear; and (c) a risk of adverse effects associated with follow-up of young women with abnormal cytology on screening.
3. Reference. ACOG Practice Bulletin No. 109: Cervical Cytology Screening (2009), *Obstetrics and Gynecology* 114(6):1409-1420.
4. Explanation of PRH Changes. The “Entrance Laboratory Testing Requirements—Females Only” table in PRH Chapter 6, Section 6.10, R1.c should be revised as follows:

Entrance Laboratory Testing Requirements—Females Only	Required Time Frame
Pregnancy Test (urine)	Within 48 hours after arrival
Pap Smear	<p>All females age ≥ 21 years (unless documented Pap smear results within 24 months before arrival on center)</p> <p>Within 14 days after arrival</p> <p>Students under age 21 years only require pelvic/speculum exam for clinical indications such as pelvic pain, vaginitis, menstrual disorders, pregnancy, etc.</p>
Chlamydia Testing (endocervical or urine)	<p>All females; perform on urine if age < 21 years</p> <p>Within 48 hours after arrival (or at time of pelvic exam if age ≥ 21 years)</p>
Gonorrhea Testing (endocervical or urine)	<p>All females; perform on urine if age < 21 years</p> <p>Within 48 hours after arrival (or at time of pelvic exam if age ≥ 21 years)</p>

5. Explanation of PAG Changes. Changes in PAG Chapter 6, Section 6.10, R1.c are also in the table “Entrance Laboratory Testing Requirements—Females Only” and are identical to those shown above. There are no other changes to PAG Chapter 6.

6. Action Required. Addressees are to ensure that this Change Notice is distributed to all appropriate staff.

7. Effective Date. March 2, 2010.

8. Inquiries. Inquiries should be directed to Carol Abnathy at (202) 693-3283 or abnathy.carol@dol.gov.

Attachments

A – PRH Cover

B – PRH Chapter 6

C – PAG Chapter 6