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SUBJ: DELETION OF IPECAC SYRUP FROM HEALTH SERVICES ALLOWANCE LISTS
AND FORMULARY REQUIREMENTS

A. STANDARDIZED HEALTH SERVICES TECHNICIAN DRUG FORMULARY,
COMDTINST 6570.1 (SERIES)

B. HEALTH SERVICES ALLOWANCE LIST, PART III (SHORE UNITS AND
VESSELS) COMDTINST M6700.7 (SERIES)

1. THE NON PRESCRIPTION DRUG ADVISORY PANEL OF THE FOOD AND DRUG
ADMINISTRATION (FDA) RECOMMENDED IN 2003 THAT IPECAC SYRUP BE
REMOVED FROM OVER-THE-COUNTER (OTC) STATUS. RESEARCH HAS FOUND THAT
THERE IS NO CLEAR, CONSISTENT EVIDENCE THAT IPECAC SYRUP IS HELPFUL
THERAPEUTICALLY AFTER A POISONOUS INGESTION. EMERGENCY DEPARTMENTS
HAVE DISCONTINUED THE USE OF IPECAC SYRUP IN FAVOR OF ACTIVATED
CHARCOAL.

2. THE ACQUISITION OF IPECAC SYRUP HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY MORE
DIFFICULT TO OBTAIN.

3. COAST GUARD CLINICS AND INDEPENDENT DUTY HEALTH SERVICES
TECHNICIANS SHALL NO LONGER BE REQUIRED TO STOCK IPECAC SYRUP AS
PART OF THE REQUIRED MEDICATION AND ANTIDOTE STOCKING GUIDELINES
(REFERENCES A AND B).

4. FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS UPDATE PLEASE CONTACT HEALTH,
SAFETY, AND WORK-LIFE SUPPORT ACTIVITY (HSWL SUPACT), CAPT VERNON
LEW AT (757)628-4338 OR VERNON.T.LEW(AT)USCG.MIL OR CDR DEBORAH
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5. CAPT MICHAEL J. BOQUARD, CHIEF, OFFICE OF HEALTH SERVICES SENDS.

6. INTERNET RELEASE AUTHORIZED.

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