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Memorandum

To: All Regional Directors
Attention: Agency Superintendents
Regional Fire Management Officers
Human Resource Officers

From: Acting Director, Bureau of Indian Affairs
Subject: Department of the Interior Medical Standards Program

The Department of the Interior Wildland Fire Medical Standards Program (DOI MSP), under the governance and oversight of the DOI members of the Fire Management Board, provide the implementation standards requirements and procedures for the Federal Interagency Wildland Firefighters Medical Standard. This direction applies to all Bureau of Indian Affairs and tribal organization employees who participate in wildland fire activities.

Implementation of the DOI MSP requires Agency Administrators, Fire Management Officers (FMOs) and Human Resource Specialists understand their respective roles and responsibilities as outlined in Chapter 13 of the Interagency Standards for Fire and Fire Aviation Operations Handbook (<https://www.nifc.gov/PUBLICATIONS/redbook/2018/Chapter13.pdf>). All DOI MSP information, resources and training are located at https://www.nifc.gov/medical_standards/index.html

Firefighters pursuing arduous duty medical qualifications must follow the Office of Wildland Fire Policy Memorandum 2016-014 and the 2018 DOI Medical Standards Guidance Memorandum. All employees completing the Work Capacity Test (WCT) at the Light or moderate levels must use the updated version of the Health Screening Questionnaire (HSQ). Detailed instructions for Fire Management Officers or delegates and WCT Administrators on implementation of the new HSQ are located online at https://www.nifc.gov/medical_standards/Light-Moderate/index.html

Missed Examinations: If a firefighter fails to attend a scheduled exam, without cancelling the appointment at least 24 hours in advance, the administrator will suspend the firefighter from participating in the wildland fire program for one year due to the missed appointment. Firefighters must contact the Comprehensive Health Scheduling (CHS) Representative at (888) 636-8619, option 1, to cancel or reschedule the appointment. Do not try to cancel or reschedule an appointment directly with the facility.

Contact the DOI MSP with questions by emailing wlfcsr@blm.gov or calling (888) 286-2521. BIA or Tribal specific inquiries may go to Leon W. Ben, Jr., Safety Program Manager, at (602) 379-6798 or Leon.Ben@bia.gov, or Michelle Moore, DOI MSP Fire Management Specialist, at (208) 387-5811 or mmoor@blm.gov.

Attachments:

1. 2018 DOI Medical Standards Guidance Memo
2. Office of Wildland Fire Policy Memorandum 2016-014
3. Risk Mitigation Waiver Process Lessons Learned and Frequently Asked Questions