

(a) In carrying out these responsibilities, the ASD(HA) shall exercise authority, direction, and control over the medical personnel, facilities, programs, funding, and other resources within the Department of Defense, including, but not limited to:

(1) Establishing policies, procedures, and standards that shall govern DoD medical programs.

(2) Serving as program manager for all DoD health and medical resources. Preparing and submitting in the Department's planning, programming, and budgeting system (PPBS) a unified medical program and budget to provide resources for all medical activities within the Department of Defense. Consistent with applicable law, all funding for the DoD medical program, including operation and maintenance, procurement, and the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services, but excluding funds for active and reserve medical military personnel, shall be accounted for in a single defense medical appropriations account. Funds for medical facility military construction shall be in a separate, single appropriations account.

(3) Presenting and justifying the unified medical program and budget throughout the PPBS process, including representations before the Congress.

(4) Co-chairing with the Director, Defense Research and Engineering, the Armed Services Biomedical Research Evaluation and Management Committee, which facilitates consideration of DoD biomedical research.

(5) Performing such other functions as the USD(P&R) and the Secretary of Defense may prescribe.

(b) The ASD(HA) may not direct a change in the structure of the chain of command within a Military Department with respect to medical personnel and may not direct a change in the structure of the chain of command with respect to medical personnel assigned to that command.

#### § 367.4 Relationships.

(a) In the performance of assigned responsibilities and functions, the ASD(HA) shall serve under the authority, direction, and control of the USD(P&R) and shall:

(1) Report directly to the USD(P&R).  
(2) Exercise authority, direction, and control over:

(i) The Director, Office of Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services.

(ii) The Director, Defense Medical Programs Activity.

(iii) The Director, Armed Forces Institute of Pathology.

(iv) The President, Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences (USUHS), pursuant to the authority vested in the Secretary of Defense by 10 U.S.C. chapter 104, except that the authority to appoint the President of the USUHS is reserved to the Secretary of Defense.

(v) Such other subordinate officials as may be assigned.

(3) Consult, as appropriate, with the Comptroller of the Department of Defense (C, DoD) and the Director, Program Analysis and Evaluation, to ensure that medical planning, programming, and budgeting activities are integrated with the DoD PPBS. The C, DoD, shall allocate and reallocate the funds in the Defense Health Program account and the medical facility military construction account among the DoD Components in accordance with ASD(HA) instructions, as coordinated with the USD(P&R), and applicable law.

(4) Obtain through the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, submissions of the operational and other needs of the Commanders of the Unified Combatant Commands, and obtain submissions from the Secretaries of the Military Departments of their proposed elements of the medical unified program and budget, and integrate those submissions as appropriate.

(5) Coordinate and exchange information with other OSD officials and the Heads of DoD Components having collateral or related functions.

(6) Use existing facilities and services of the Department of Defense and other Federal and non-Federal Agencies, whenever practicable, to achieve maximum efficiency and economy.

(b) Other OSD officials and the Heads of the DoD Components shall coordinate with the ASD(HA) on all matters related to the responsibilities and functions in § 367.3.