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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority

Part H, Chapter HC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) of the Statement of Organization, Functions, and Delegations of Authority of the Department of Health and Human Services (45 FR 67772-67776, dated October 14, 1980, and corrected at 45 FR 69296, October 20, 1980, as amended most recently at 59 FR 62406-62407, dated December 5, 1994) is amended to reflect the transfer of quarantine activities within the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) from the National Center for Prevention Services (NCPS) to the National Center for Infectious Diseases (NCID).

Revise the functional statement for the National Center for Prevention Services (HCM) as follows:

Delete item (8) in its entirety and renumber the remaining items accordingly.

Following the functional statement for the Division of STD/HIV Prevention (HCM4), delete in its entirety the title and functional statement for the Division of Quarantine (HCM5).

Following the functional statement for the Office of Program Resources (HCR14), National Center for Infectious Diseases (HCR), insert the following:

Division of Quarantine (HCR2). (1) Administers a national quarantine program to protect the United States against the introduction of diseases from foreign countries; (2) administers an overseas program for the medical examination of immigrants and others with excludable health conditions that would impose an economic burden on public health and hospital facilities; (3) maintains liaison with and provides information on quarantine matters to other Federal agencies, State, and local health departments, and interested industries; (4) provides liaison with international health organizations, such as the Pan American Health Organization and the World Health Organization, and participates in the development of international agreements affecting quarantine; (5) conducts studies to provide new information about health hazards

abroad, measures for their prevention, and the potential threat of disease introduction into the United States; and (6) provides logistic support to other programs of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the distribution of requested biologicals.

Office of the Director (HCR21). (1) Manages, directs, and coordinates the activities of the Division; (2) provides leadership in development of Division policy, program planning, implementation, and evaluation; (3) identifies needs and resources for new initiatives and assigns responsibilities for their development; (4) coordinates liaison with other Federal agencies, State, and local health departments, and interested industries; (5) coordinates liaison with international health organizations; (6) provides administrative, fiscal management, information, and computer support and data management services to the

Program Operations Branch (HCR22). (1) Develops, reviews, and evaluates operations in the United States and abroad involving inspection of persons, conveyances, airports, seaports, and importations; (2) conducts a continuing review of operations to assure the most effective application of epidemiologic data on quarantinable and specified other disease prevalences; (3) reviews and evaluates field inspectional operations, plans and develops staffing studies and procedures, and launches new programs and refocuses activities as necessary; (4) provides training and general supervision of field staff in the technical, management, and administrative facets of quarantine operations; (5) works cooperatively and in concert with other Federal agencies at home and abroad in connection with improving and implementing new inspectional activities at ports of entry; (6) provides coordination and liaison with State and local health departments in all activities affecting the possible transmission and spread of quarantinable diseases; (7) coordinates and provides immunization data and advice on health precautions for international travel, and develops and issues vaccination documents and validation stamps in accordance with the International Health Regulations.

Travelers' Health Section (HCR222). (1) Directs and coordinates the collection, analysis, and dissemination of data on worldwide quarantinable and other communicable diseases; (2) develops, implements, and maintains systems to provide immunization data and advice on health precautions for international travel; (3) develops and issues vaccination documents and

validation stamps in accordance with the International Health Regulations; (4) notifies the World Health Organization of the incidence of quarantinable diseases in the United States as required by the International Health Regulations; (5) maintains liaison with State and local health authorities, the travel industry, the World Health Organization, and other interested organizations.

Quarantine Section (HCR223). (1)
Performs quarantine inspections and medical inspections of aliens through staff at quarantine stations located at major ports of entry; (2) provides logistic support to other programs of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in the distribution of requested biologicals; (3) initiates surveillance and other health control measures at sea, air, and land ports of entry to the United States and its possessions.

Medical Screening and Health Assessment Branch (HCR23). (1) Develops, reviews, and evaluates operations in the United States and abroad involving the administration of alien medical examination activities; (2) conducts a continuing review of medical screening procedures to assure the most effective application of current medical practices; (3) plans and develops staffing studies and procedures, and launches new programs and refocuses activities as necessary; (4) provides training to field staff and general supervision of field staff assigned to the Branch in the technical, managerial, and administrative facets of alien medical examination operations; (5) works cooperatively and in concert with other Federal and international agencies, voluntary agencies, and foreign governments, both in the United States and abroad, in efficiently administering the alien medical screening program; (6) provides coordination and liaison with State and local health departments on the followup of aliens with serious disease and mental problems; (7) administers a grant program to assist States in carrying out health assessments of refugees

Medical Screening Section (HCR232). (1) Administers and monitors activities related to the overseas and domestic medical examinations of aliens, including preparation, publication, and distribution of manuals for examining physicians; (2) establishes and maintains procedures to process requests for waivers of excludable medical conditions; (3) establishes, maintains, and evaluates alien medical inspection and notification procedures at ports-of-entry; (4) provides training and general supervision of field staff