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Reply to Attn of:

Office of the Chief Health and Medical Officer

TO: Officials-in-Charge of Headquarters Offices
NASA Center Directors

FROM: Chief Health and Medical Officer

SUBJECT: NASA Interim Directive (NID): Health Services for International Travel or Assignment

This NID amends the current NPR 1810.1A, Health Services for International Travel or Assignment, specifically Chapter 1, Responsibilities, and provides follow-up on the previous memorandum, dated May 8, 2007, from the Chief Health and Medical Officer withdrawing the Travel Manager forcing function from NPR 1810.1A.

In response to NASA's Mission Focus Review (MFR #14), the Agency determined that the responsibility for safeguarding health in preparation for and during international travel is shared between the Agency and individual travelers. "Certification" of medical clearance by a NASA clinic physician prior to international travel is no longer required, nor is such certification a mandatory approval step within the Travel Manager authorization process.

NASA occupational health clinics shall continue to offer all traveler health services specified in NPR 1810.1A on a voluntary basis as an integral part of occupational health services. NASA Center Directors shall be responsible for ensuring their employees are informed of the opportunity for travel medicine services.

The Office of the Chief Health and Medical Officer continues to strongly encourage all NASA international travelers to seek travel medicine services and destination specific travel information in an effort to prevent acute or chronic travel related disease. These services are available through all NASA health clinics or can be provided by their private physician. Additional timely traveler health information is available through the Occupational Health website (ohp.nasa.gov), individual center web sites, or the National Center for Infectious Diseases, Travelers' Health Web site (http://www.cdc.gov/travel/yb/index.html).

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