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TO: Officials-in-Charge of Headquarters Offices
Directors, NASA Centers

FROM: Administrator

SUBJECT: Modifications to NPD 8900.3G, Astronaut Medical and Dental Observation Study and Care Program

The purpose of this NASA Interim Directive (NID) is to issue modifications to the NASA Policy Directive (NPD) 8900.3G, Astronaut Medical and Dental Observation Study and Care Program (http://nodis3.gsfc.nasa.gov/displayDir.cfm?t=NPD&c=8900&s=3G).

This NID shall be in effect for one year from the date of this memorandum, or until the release of an update to NPD 8900.3G, whichever occurs first. This NID applies to NASA Headquarters and NASA Centers, including Component Facilities. This NID will be incorporated in addition to all policies and requirements of the current NPD which remains in effect.

The following modifications are made to the subject NPD:

1) Section 1.b to now read:

> b. The health of family members of those crewmembers who remain eligible for space flight assignment is of critical importance, and factors such as infectious disease and stress affecting a crewmember's family may have serious adverse effects on the crewmember's health and performance, as well as the health and performance of other crewmembers. If the crewmember is eligible for assignment to a space flight mission, the crewmember's dependents may be eligible for mission-required behavioral health and medical care.

2) Delete Section 1.f

Any questions regarding this NID should be forwarded to Dr. Richard S. Williams, NASA Chief Health and Medical Officer.

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