

6 USC sec 350 Workforce health and medical support

(a) In general

The Under [Secretary](#) for Management shall be responsible for workforce-focused health and medical activities of the [Department](#). The Under [Secretary](#) for Management may further delegate responsibility for those activities, as appropriate.

(b) Responsibilities The Under [Secretary](#) for Management, in coordination with the Chief Medical Officer, shall—

(1)

provide oversight and coordinate the medical and health activities of the [Department](#) for the human and animal [personnel](#) of the [Department](#);

(2)

establish medical, health, veterinary, and occupational health exposure policy, guidance, strategies, and initiatives for the human and animal [personnel](#) of the [Department](#);

(3)

as deemed appropriate by the Under [Secretary](#), provide medical liaisons to the components of the [Department](#), on a reimbursable basis, to provide subject matter expertise on occupational medical and public health issues;

(4)

serve as the primary representative for the [Department](#) on agreements regarding the detail of Commissioned Corps officers of the Public Health Service of the Department of Health and Human Services to the [Department](#), except that components of the [Department](#) shall retain authority for funding, determination of specific duties, and supervision of such detailed Commissioned Corps officers; and

(5)

perform such other duties relating to the responsibilities described in this subsection as the [Secretary](#) may require.

6 USC sec 597 Chief Medical Officer

(a) In general

There is in the [Office](#) a Chief Medical Officer, who shall be appointed by the President. The Chief Medical Officer shall report to the [Assistant Secretary](#).

(b) Qualifications

The individual appointed as Chief Medical Officer shall be a licensed physician possessing a demonstrated ability in and knowledge of medicine and public health.

(c) Responsibilities The Chief Medical Officer shall have the responsibility within the [Department](#) for medical issues related to natural disasters, acts of [terrorism](#), and other man-made disasters, including—

(1)

serving as the principal advisor on medical and public health issues to the [Secretary](#), the Administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the [Assistant Secretary](#), and other [Department](#) officials;

(2)

providing operational medical support to all components of the [Department](#);

(3)

as appropriate, providing medical liaisons to the components of the [Department](#), on a reimbursable basis, to provide subject matter expertise on operational medical issues;

(4)

coordinating with Federal, [State](#), local, and Tribal governments, the medical community, and others within and outside the [Department](#), including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response of the Department of Health and Human Services, with respect to medical and public health matters; and

(5)

performing such other duties relating to such responsibilities as the [Secretary](#) may require.

