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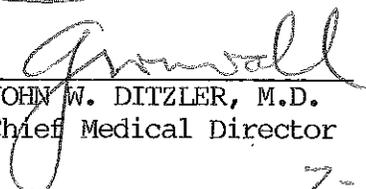
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**CHAPTER 17. EMERGENCY MEDICAL IDENTIFICATION
EMBLEMS, CARDS, SYMBOLS AND LABELS**

17.01 IDENTIFICATION OF SPECIAL MEDICAL PROBLEMS

The VA has the responsibility for providing beneficiaries with suitable symbols and devices which will assure quick identification of special medical problems in emergencies. Accordingly, emblems, cards, symbols, and labels will be utilized as prescribed below to identify those patients or members who may require that certain specific medical information be known immediately. This includes such problems as hypersensitivity to drugs, foodstuffs, etc., unstable metabolic states such as diabetes; epilepsy or other seizures; a regimen of special medication such as anticoagulants or steroids; utilization of a highly specialized prosthetic device such as a pacemaker or vascular implant; or any condition which in the opinion of the physician merits use of such identification.

17.02 USE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL IDENTIFICATION SYMBOL

The symbol, VA Form 10-1079, will be affixed to:

- a. The patient's plastic bracelet.
- b. The bed card when it is used.
- c. VA Form 10-2911, Nursing Plan, when it is used.
- d. Metal chart holders, near the top of the holder above the hinge so as to be readily visible at all times.

17.03 USE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL IDENTIFICATION LABEL

The label, VA Form 10-1079, with a brief indication of the condition requiring its use typed or printed thereon, will be affixed to:

- a. The metal chart holder, below the hinge.
- b. The front of manila-type folders containing active elements of patients' or members' medical records.
- c. The front of a medical record folder which is removed from a metal chart holder for filing.

17.04 PHYSICIAN'S PROGRESS NOTES

The physician's progress notes will contain in all necessary detail a description of the specific condition(s) requiring emergency identification. The pages with this information will remain on top of the physician's progress notes during the entire hospitalization of the patient, or for the duration of the special condition.

17.05 CHANGE IN PATIENT'S OR MEMBER'S CONDITION

If a patient's or member's condition changes so that a potential hazard no longer exists and warning measures are no longer applicable, all symbols and labels will be removed and an appropriate entry made in the physician's progress notes.

17.06 USE OF EMERGENCY MEDICAL INFORMATION CARD

This card was developed by the American Medical Association for the types of patients described in paragraph 17.01. It will be issued to outpatients, and inpatients who leave the hospital for any reason, when in the judgment of a physician its use is indicated by the circumstances. A note of this action will be made in the physician's progress notes. When medically indicated, an expiration date will be added to the card.

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17.07 EMERGENCY MEDICAL IDENTIFICATION EMBLEM

When the emergency medical identification card is issued to a patient, consideration will be given to concurrent issuance of an emergency medical identification emblem. The decision will be made by a physician. If the emblem is to be issued, the patient will be permitted to select either the bracelet or the necklace. A note of the action taken will be made in the physician's notes.

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Part I, "General," VA Department of Medicine and Surgery Manual M-2, "Professional Services," is changed as indicated below:

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