MEMORANDUM FOR: All Border Patrol Agents
San Diego Sector

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SUBJECT: Recording Known or Reported Medical or Mental Health Issues of Detainees in U.S. Border Patrol Custody

As outlined in the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) National Standards on Transport, Escort, Detention, and Search Handbook, detainees in custody of U.S. Border Patrol (USBP) with reported or identified mental, physical, or developmental disabilities are considered an At-Risk population who may require additional care and oversight.

To ensure proper accountability of those noncitizens with any reported history of currently known or reported medical or mental health issues, all USBP Agents must ensure this information is recorded in/on:

- e3 Detention Module;
- The appropriate detainee’s Department of Homeland Security Form I-213, Record of Deportable/Inadmissible Alien;
- CBP Form 2500, Alien Initial Health Interview Questionnaire; and or
- Unaccompanied Child Placement Referrals.

Details reported should include any physical or mental issues that limit the detainee’s ability to communicate or provide self-care and any care or oversight provided as a result. If the detainee is an unaccompanied child (UC) processed for placement with the Office of Refugee Resettlement, this information must also be included in the medical/mental information portion of the UC Placement Referral Request.

For questions or concerns, contact the Immigration Prosecution & Custody Operations Branch at email: 

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