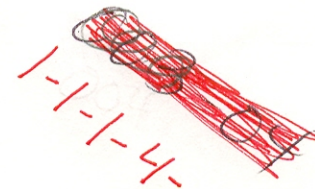




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HEADQUARTERS 509TH MEDICAL GROUP (ACC)  
WHITEMAN AIR FORCE BASE, MISSOURI



9 May 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR 509TH MEDICAL GROUP SUPERVISORS

FROM: 509MDG/CC

SUBJECT: Tobacco Cessation

1. All of us in the health profession recognize the health risk associated with tobacco use and the tremendous effort it takes to stop. I encourage all who use tobacco to attend the tobacco cessation classes offered by the HAWC.
2. To emphasize the importance of quitting and the effort it takes, I am allowing immediate supervisors of those who have quit tobacco products for three months to authorize that member a one-day pass. If the member continues to not use tobacco for another three months for a total of six months, they may receive another one-day pass.
3. The day the member lets his or her supervisor know that they have stopped using tobacco is the day the clock starts. There will be no retroactive days without tobacco added. This is a one-time reward. If the member begins using tobacco after receiving the three or six month one-day pass, they will not be eligible for any additional passes under this program.
4. I'm depending on the integrity of those who participate to make this program successful. If it is abused, then I will have no other choice but to terminate it.
5. Only the immediate supervisor needs to know who is participating in the program. I would highly encourage all who do participate to let your squadron commander know so they can provide encouragement and support.

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