

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
AND
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA
CONCERNING
HEALTH CARE FOR MILITARY MEMBERS AND THEIR DEPENDENTS

Whereas, the Department of Defense of the United States of America and the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Colombia, hereinafter referred to as the "Parties," have agreed to consider an exchange of health care, and

Whereas, the laws and regulations of the United States provide that inpatient medical care in Department of Defense medical treatment facilities in the United States may be furnished without cost to foreign military members and their accompanying dependents in the United States; provided, that the foreign military members' Government makes available comparable care for a comparable number of United States military members and their dependents in its country, and

Whereas, the Parties have determined that appropriate conditions exist to assure that comparable care to comparable numbers will be made available by each Party, and

Whereas, the Military Departments of the United States Department of Defense have agreed to make available the health care specified in this Agreement, subject to their regulations and the availability of funds,

Now, therefore, the Parties agree as follows:

SECTION I

GENERAL

1. This Agreement applies to military members, and their dependents, of the United States and Colombia who are in each others' country at the invitation of the receiving Party.
2. The term "dependents" is defined to include the following:
 - a. Spouse. A person who, based on the laws of the military member's country, is considered to be the lawful wife or husband of the military member.
 - b. Dependent child. The child of a military member who depends on the military member for support, as defined by the regulations of the Party receiving the care.

3. Requirements for identification and proof of eligibility by persons requesting health care under this Agreement shall be as prescribed by the Party furnishing the care.

SECTION II

HEALTH CARE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE BY THE UNITED STATES

The Department of Defense of the United States shall make available in its military medical facilities in the United States:

1. For military members, outpatient and inpatient care in Department of Defense medical and dental facilities, without cost;

2. For dependents:

- Outpatient and inpatient medical care in Department of Defense medical facilities, without cost; and

- Dental care in Department of Defense medical and dental facilities, without cost, to the same extent that such care is made available within the United States to dependents of United States military members.

SECTION III

HEALTH CARE TO BE MADE AVAILABLE BY COLOMBIA

The Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Colombia shall make available medical and dental outpatient and inpatient care for United States military members and dependents in military medical institutions of the Ministry of Defense, without cost.

SECTION IV

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

1. Questions relating to the implementation or interpretation of the provisions of this Agreement shall be referred for mutual resolution to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs for the Government of the United States, and the Minister of Defense for the Republic of Colombia.

2. No disputes or disagreements over implementation or interpretation of this Agreement shall be referred to third parties or international tribunals for review or resolution.

