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ADVISORY: PREVENTING INADVERTENT DISCLOSURE OF PERSONALLY IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION (PII) AND OTHER SENSITIVE DATA - ECHS BENEFICIARIES

- 1. **Background.** It has come to light in the recent times that many websites offering free online services are asking the users to upload any random document from their personal **Computers/ Laptops, Smart Phones** etc, to avail for services in return from these websites. As a general tendency and lack of knowledge on misuse of their PII data, the Ex-servicemen/ ECHS beneficiaries uploads their medical documents vis. Refferal Forms, Blood Test reports, ECHS application, ECHS card etc. in digital form on these websites.
- 2. Threat to ECHS Beneficiaries. Sharing medical documents online poses significant risks, including misuse of personal data, identity theft and unauthorized use of health information by third parties. Cybercriminals or unauthorized entities may collect such data for fraudulent activities, including the creation of fake profiles, targeted scams or manipulation of medical information.
- 3. **Conclusion**. The protection of PII and other sensitive data is crucial for the security and operational effectiveness of the CO ECHS/ Beneficiaries. All ECHS Beneficiaries are advised **not to share** their medical records, laboratory reports or any personal documents on social media or public platforms.
- 4. For information and further dissemination please.

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