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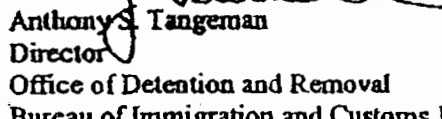
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MEMORANDUM FOR REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
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SUBJECT: Enforcement Standard Pertaining to the Removal of Aliens under Medical Escort

The purpose of the memorandum is to provide clarification and guidance in relation to the Enforcement Standard pertaining to the escorting of aliens in custody, Part 2 of Appendix 2-3 of the *Deportation Officer's Field Manual (DDFM)*, Section VI, E titled Medical Escorts.

  
Under current PHS guidance, an ICE detainee with or without a diagnosed psychiatric condition who displays overt or threatening aggressive behavior that could jeopardize his/her safety or that of others may be considered a combative detainee and can be sedated if appropriate under the circumstances. In making a determination of whether a detainee is combative, PHS personnel

may examine the detainee's history of combative behavior that could threaten the success of the transport. They have also identified a core group of specially trained personnel who will do all medical escorts. The normal practice of PHS should be to avoid the use of sedatives unless the facts and circumstances require otherwise. This guidance does not require the use of sedatives every time a PHS "medical professional" is utilized, rather such personnel should independently exercise their discretion to apply a sedative when necessary under the facts and according to their professional medical opinion.