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PROPOSAL FOR THE INCLUSION OF HEMATOLOGY ANALYZERS IN LEVEL 1 MEDICAL FACILITIES

1. ISSUE PAPER THEME

Medical

2. SUMMARY / BACKGROUND / PREVIOUS HISTORY

Hematology analyzers are essential diagnostic tools used to perform Complete Blood Counts (CBC), which are fundamental in assessing a patient's general health status. Despite their diagnostic significance, hematology analyzers are currently not included in Level 1 medical facilities, as per the 2023 edition of the Contingent-Owned Equipment (COE) Manual.

Justification:

Formed Police Units (FPUs) typically comprise 140 to 160 personnel who primarily receive medical care from Level 1 medical facilities. For blood screening or basic hematological investigations, patients must currently be referred to Level 2 facilities. These facilities are often located at a considerable distance from the contingent's area of operations, leading to delays due to travel and procedural requirements. This not only hampers timely diagnosis and treatment but also imposes additional logistical challenges.

Advantages of Inclusion:

- **Improved Primary Care:** Facilitates immediate blood screening, enabling earlier diagnosis and treatment at the point of care.
- **Operational Efficiency:** Reduces the need for referrals and minimizes logistical burdens for both medical staff and patients.
- **Boost in Morale:** Enhances the confidence and assurance of contingent members in the medical support available to them.

3. DETAILED PROPOSAL

We respectfully propose the inclusion of hematology analyzers in Level 1 medical facilities to enhance diagnostic capabilities, improve patient outcomes, and support the overall health and readiness of deployed personnel.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. PROPOSED 2026 COE MANUAL TEXT

Refer to paragraph 3. DETAILED PROPOSAL of this IP.