

FAMILY OF FIELD MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

DESCRIPTION

The Family of Field Medical Equipment consists of blocks of medical materiel configured to provide health services support to Marines in the combat environment. There are 25 various configurations called Authorized Medical/Dental Allowance Lists (AMAL/ADAL) covering a wide spectrum of health services in support of a MAGTF. The main components of the AMAL/ADAL are laboratory, X-ray, aid station, pharmacy, operating room, forward resuscitative surgery, shock/surgical team, ward, preventive medicine, environmental supplements, field dental operator, NBC medications, and bio-medical equipment repair. There are 2,763 of these various blocks in the Marine Corps inventory with an estimated total cost of \$75 million.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

AMALs and ADALs provide materiel for echelons I and II health service support to the MAGTF. Lack of this capability would result in unnecessary loss of life or limb for injured and sick Marines on the battlefield, and a marked degradation in combat effectiveness. AMALs and ADALs are stored at strategic locations, ready for deployment at a moments notice. They contain equipment and consumables at a level that reflects current casualty rates and requirements for 60 days in a combat environment.

PROGRAM STATUS

AMALs/ADALs are in a constant state of review and update to reflect changes in industry practices and standards of health care. The Marine Corps Systems Command also schedules entire systems reviews on a three-year cycle to discuss capabilities and concepts of employment, and translate them to materiel requirements.

PROCUREMENT PROFILE:

Quantity:

FY 04

FY 05

Upgrade at least 8 systems per year

DEVELOPER/MANUFACTURER

Various manufactures, distributors, and prime vendor contractors throughout the US