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TO: Surgeon General

FROM: Acting Assistant Secretary for Health

SUBJECT: **Commissioned Corps Personnel Policy Memorandum (PPM) 05-014**
Vaccine Administration by Dental Officers in Emergencies

During times of war and public health emergencies, dental officers in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service may be utilized to assist the Department of Health and Human Services in carrying out its responsibilities regarding vaccine administration.

Therefore, effective immediately, dental officers are advised that upon completion and certification of specified training and education established by the Office of Force Readiness and Deployment (OFRD), Office of the Surgeon General, dental officers are authorized to administer vaccines as part of emergency response activities.

Training courses regarding vaccine administration are being developed by OFRD, and officers will be notified of course availability.

To date, completion of either one of the following two courses by dental officers qualifies them for certification to perform vaccine administration in emergency response activities: "Vaccine-Preventable Bioterrorism Training'" or "Mass Vaccination with National Pharmaceutical Stockpile Course."

This PPM shall remain in effect until rescinded.

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