

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES**

PERSONNEL POLICY MEMORANDUM



**PPM 07-014
EFFECTIVE DATE: 28 August 2007**

By Order of the Assistant Secretary for Health:

ADM John O. Agwunobi

TO: All Regular and Reserve Corps Officers on Extended Active Duty

SUBJECT: Wear of the Navy Uniform Sweater

1. Effective 1 January 2008, all Regular and Reserve Corps officers serving on extended active duty are authorized to wear the U.S. Navy black, V-neck pullover sweater.
2. The black, V-neck pullover sweater is available in both light (acrylic) and heavy (wool) weaves, with fabric epaulets, shoulder and elbow patches.
3. A black leather Velcro® backed nametag is required (2 inches x 4 inches) wear at all times the sweater is worn.
 - a. The leather nametag is embossed with gold lettering, with all capital letters;
 - b. The officer has a choice to either use first initial of first name, followed by a period, first initial of the middle name, followed by a period and the full last name (e.g., J. A. DOE) or full first or full middle name and full last name (e.g., John Doe) centered in the middle of the nametag;
 - c. The proper abbreviation of officer's rank is placed in the lower left corner of the nametag (e.g., LT, LCDR, and CAPT);
 - d. The abbreviation USPHS is placed in the lower right corner of the nametag; and
 - e. Only one duly authorized skill badge may be embossed on the nametag. The skill badge is centered at the top of the nametag. Operating Division (OPDIV), Staff Division (STAFFDIV) and non-HHS organizational logos (e.g., Food and Drug Administration, Bureau of Prisons, Environmental Protection Agency) are not authorized to be embossed.
4. Metal badges, metal rank, and metal insignia are not permitted for wear on the sweater.
5. The sweater is authorized for daily wear to and from work, in public places, aboard ship, on base and duty station, and for attending working level meetings/briefings.
6. Officers will wear the soft shoulder boards on the epaulettes.

7. This PPM amends the Commissioned Corps Issuance System, [CC26.3.4](#), “Uniforms for Male Officers,” and [CC26.3.5](#), “Uniforms for Female Officers.” The transition (phase out) period of the current authorized black sweaters (Army black sweater and black cardigan sweater) to the black Navy sweater only is determined by the Surgeon General and announced no later than 1 January 2008.
8. The shirt collar is worn inside the sweater when a tie is worn and worn outside when no tie is worn.
9. This PPM remains in effect until rescinded.

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