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**TO:** Surgeon General

**FROM:** Acting Assistant Secretary for Health

**SUBJECT:** **Commissioned Corps Personnel Policy Memorandum (PPM) 05-002**  
Revision of Influenza immunization requirement Section 5.a.(2)(a) Manual  
Circular Public Health Service (PHS) No. 377, "Basic Level of Force  
Readiness Standards for the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public  
Health Service" (Service or Corps)

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently announced a national influenza vaccine shortage for the 2004-05 influenza season. This shortage may have a significant impact on officers' ability to receive this required immunization. Therefore, to ensure that officers are not penalized in the PY 2005 for not meeting this requirement pursuant to Section 5.a.(2)(a) of Manual Circular No. 377, effective immediately the requirement for an annual influenza immunization is hereby waived.

This PPM is effective until November 1, 2005 and applies only to PY 2005.

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