SUBJECT: Transfer of Education Benefits

1. PURPOSE: This Directive sets forth the regulations regarding the transfer of education benefits to a dependent of an officer of the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (Corps).

2. APPLICABILITY: This Directive applies to all Corps officers serving on active duty.

3. AUTHORITY:

   3-1. **38 U.S.C §3319**, “Authority to transfer unused education benefits to family members”

   3-2. Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) **DoDI 1341.13**, “Post 9/11 GI Bill”

4. PROPONENT: The proponent of this Directive is the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

5. SUMMARY OF REVISIONS AND UPDATES: This is the first issuance of this Directive within the electronic Commissioned Corps Issuance System (eCCIS).
6. POLICY: Consistent with Directives and Instructions issued by the Department of Defense (DoD), the Assistant Secretary for Health (ASH) shall issue implementing guidance, to govern the administration of the transfer of a Corps officer's education benefits to a dependent.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES:

7-1. The ASH shall establish policy, assign responsibilities, and prescribe procedures in accordance with this Directive.

7-2. The ASH may make further delegations to implement this Directive.

8. HISTORICAL NOTES: This is the first issuance of this Directive within the eCCIS and creates a standalone Directive within the eCCIS.