Section A. Purpose and Scope

This regulation authorizes the assignment of Public Health Service (PHS) commissioned officers to educational institutions for training purposes and prescribes options for the payment of expenses incurred pursuant to such training.

Section B. Authority

1. The statutory authority for training of officers and the availability of appropriations for such training is Section 218(a) of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 218(a)).

2. The active-duty obligations incurred by officers pursuant to training and the payments required for failure to fulfill such obligations is set forth in Section 218(b) of the PHS Act (42 U.S.C. 218a(b)).
Section C. Definition

1. For purposes of this regulation the following definition applies:
   
a. Approved educational institution or training program is an educational institution or training program which has been accredited or approved by a professional body or bodies acceptable to the Surgeon General for such purpose, or which, in the absence of such a body, meets generally accepted standards as determined by the Surgeon General.

Section D. Training Assignments

1. After considering the needs of the PHS for officers with knowledge, skill, and experience in the specialties required by the PHS, the Surgeon General may assign an officer, with his/her consent, to an approved educational institution or training program for purposes of training. Officer consent is sought because training incurs an active duty service obligation.

2. When an officer is assigned to an educational institution or training program for long-term or short-term training, the program to which the officer is assigned may pay the institution or training program for all tuition and other fees and charges, including student health service fees, registration fees, laboratory and library fees, and diploma fees, in the same amounts as are applicable to other students and in such a manner as may be agreed upon by the institution or training program and the Surgeon General.

3. An officer assigned to an educational institution or training program may be reimbursed, from the program to which the officer is assigned, for other necessary expenses incident to his/her attendance incurred for (a) purchase or rental of books, materials and supplies, and (b) other necessary services or facilities incident to such training. Such reimbursement shall be made upon the submission of proper receipts. In lieu of reimbursement for actual expenses authorized under this section, officers may be authorized pay and allowance in an amount determined by the Surgeon General, or his/her designee.
Section D. Repeal of Prior Regulations

Regulations previously set forth in CCPN, INSTRUCTION 1, Subchapter CC45.2, "Training," are repealed and are replaced herewith.

Section E. Implementation

This regulation is effective as of September 1, 1989, and shall be applicable to all PHS commissioned officers who enter approved training programs subsequent to the effective date.

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Secretary