By Order of the Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service:

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This Personnel Operations Memorandum (POM) modifies the “Temporary Promotion Eligibility Criteria” (Appendix, Commissioned Corps Instruction (CCI) CC332.01, “Temporary Promotions” dated 19 December 2006) for competitive temporary grade promotion to O-4 for officers called to active duty into the Officer Basic Course (OBC) in September 2011.

For eligibility to temporary grade promotion to O-4, CCI 332.01 requires that officers attain 6 months Time in Service (TIS) on the current tour in the Commissioned Corps of the Public Health Service by 1 March of the year reviewed by the promotion board. To meet this criterion in Promotion Year (PY) 2012, officers at the rank of O-3 are required to be called to active duty by 1 September 2011.

In July 2011, the Office of Commissioned Corps Operations began calling newly commissioned officers to active duty directly into the OBC, which convenes once per month. In September 2011, officers were called to active duty into OBC on 8 or 9 September, 2011.

In light of the Corps-imposed limitation on call to duty dates, officers at the rank of O-3 who were called to extended active duty directly into OBC on or before 9 September 2011 shall be considered to have met the TIS requirement for review by the Annual Temporary Promotion Board in PY 2012 if they have accrued 6 months TIS by 9 March 2012.

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