By Order of the Assistant Secretary for Health:

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

SUBJECT: Dental Officer Accession Bonus

1. Effective immediately, Section F. of CC22.2.7, "Accession Bonus," is amended to provide that individuals eligible to receive the Dental Officer Accession Bonus (DOAB) may be paid an accession bonus in an amount that shall not exceed $60,000. The terms and conditions governing the payment of the DOAB set forth in 37 USC 302h and CC22.2.7 shall continue to apply with the exceptions that:

   a. Subject to the procedures for processing the DOAB in CC22.2.7, an individual who holds an appointment in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service or in one of the reserve components of the Armed Forces is not eligible for an accession bonus; and

   b. During the DOAB obligation period, an officer will not be permanently reassigned or transferred outside the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Operating Division (OPDIV)/Staff Division (STAFFDIV) or non-HHS organization which paid the DOAB, without approval of the Assistant Secretary for Health (ASH), in consultation with the Surgeon General (SG) and OPDIV/STAFFDIV/non-HHS organization Head. For example, if an officer is paid a DOAB while assigned to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the officer will not be transferred to the National Institutes of Health without approval of the ASH, in consultation with the SG and FDA Commissioner.
2. This PPM shall remain in effect until rescinded.

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