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

SUBJECT: Temporary Promotions - Dental Officers

1. To aid in retention and recruiting of Dental officers, Dental officers shall be treated as Medical officers under the temporary grade promotion program starting in Promotion Year (PY) 2009 (See CC23.4.2, “Temporary Promotions”). To facilitate a transition to this policy, for PY 2008 there shall be a 100 percent promotion rate for Dental officers to the temporary Full Grade (O-4), subject to the terms and conditions that would otherwise apply to officers eligible for competitive temporary promotion; e.g., must meet force readiness standards, etc.

2. This PPM shall remain in effect until rescinded.

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