

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN SERVICES**



PERSONNEL POLICY MEMORANDUM



PPM 14-002
EFFECTIVE DATE: 29 April 2014

By Order of the Assistant Secretary for Health:

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- TO:** This Personnel Policy Memorandum (PPM) applies to all officers of the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (Corps) on active duty.
- SUBJECT:** Amendment to Uniform Policies
1. This PPM amends several Corps uniform policies, as applicable:
 - a. Commissioned Corps Instruction (CCI), CC26.3.4, "Uniforms for Male Officers", dated 2 February 2010;
 - b. CC26.3.5, "Uniforms for Female Officers", dated 2 February 2010;
 - c. CC26.3.6, "Insignia and Devices", dated 1 March 2009;
 - d. CC26.3.7, "Special Uniform Situations", dated 11 March 2010;
 - e. CC26.3.9, "Description of Articles of the Uniform: PHS Sword and Accessories", dated 2 January 1979; and/or
 2. Changes to CC26.3.4 and CC26.3.5, Uniforms for Male Officers and Uniforms for Female Officers.
 - a. Updated pictures of all available uniforms, components, and prescribable or optional wear items.
 - b. Removes Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) as a required uniform.
 - c. Incorporates the content of Personnel Policy Memorandum (PPM) PPM 12-002 "Replacement for the Battle Dress Uniform" dated 9 March 2012.
 - d. Authorizes the Black Navy Garrison Cap with Modified Service Dress Blue Sweater.
 - e. Authorizes the Black Watch Cap with all uniforms except Dinner Dress or Service Dress uniform.
 - f. Reauthorize the Army Cardigan Sweater for indoor wear only.

- g. Removes summer whites (SW) as a required uniform.
 - h. Removes Modified Service Dress Blue Sweater as a standalone uniform.
 - i. Rescinds CC26.3.9, "Description of Articles of Uniform: PHS Sword and Accessories," dated 2 January 1979, and incorporates information into both Male and Female Uniform Instructions.
 - j. Authorizes the new Army Double-Breasted Black All-Weather Coat for replacement of the Navy All-Weather Coat, which is being phased out.
- 3. Changes specific to CC26.3.5, Uniforms for Female Officers.
 - a. Authorizes khaki over-blouse shirt.
 - b. Amends wear/orientation of the Beret to match Navy standards.
- 4. Changes specific to CC26.3.6, Insignia and Devices.
 - a. Updated insignia and device pictures.
 - b. Updated military specifications on insignia and devices as directed by The Institute of Heraldry – U.S. Army.
 - c. Incorporates PPM 10-002, "Aiguillettes," dated 04 December 2009.
 - d. Incorporates PPM 07-014, "Wear of the Navy Sweater," dated 28 August 2007
 - e. Phase out of old insignia and devices 1 January 2015.
- 5. Changes specific to CC26.3.7, Special Uniform Situations.
 - a. Phase out of Battle Dress Uniform (BDU) and BDU components to begin 1 September 2012, with complete phase out on 1 January 2015. All references to the BDU and BDU components to be deleted from the uniform policy on 1 January 2015.
 - b. Clarify types and style of construction safety helmets.
 - c. Clarification on wear of maternity uniforms and authorizes new Navy maternity uniforms that have been phased in.
 - d. Updated uniform pictures.
 - e. Clarification on flight suit/jacket insignia and placement.
- 6. These changes to the respective policies will remain in effect unless rescinded or amended in each policy.

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