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: Revisions to Manual Circular 377 and PPM 04-003


   a. Effective 1 July 2015, all references to the President’s Challenge and associated references are removed in their entirety.

   b. Effective immediately, Section 3.a. of MC377 is replaced with “This Manual Circular applies to all Corps officers serving on extended active duty.”

2. The Surgeon General shall establish an evidence-based Annual Physical Fitness Test (APFT) to replace the President’s Challenge, as well as the “APFT Standards for Basic Level of Force Readiness” in Exhibit I of PPM 04-003. The Surgeon General’s evidence-based APFT standards will be effective on 1 July 2015.

3. This PPM may be supplemented by a Policy Operations Memorandum (POM) promulgated by the Surgeon General.

4. This PPM will remain in effect until rescinded.

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