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SUBJECT: Uniforms and Appearances Policy

The Pharmacist Professional Advisory Committee (PharmPAC) has reviewed the proposed replacement of the Commissioned Corps Issuance CC26.3.1 titled "Uniforms and Appearances", which realigns the Corps officer uniform and appearance guidelines to that of Navy standards. The PharmPAC supports this policy and offers the following comments:

1. We like the inclusion of the one electronic device language.
2. As per 8-4. (b), it reads as if we are part of the Navy as the only distinction is the insignia. PHS needs to have its own unique uniform.
3. 6-7.a. (1), for the male hair style, to the words "plaited, braided" please add "dread hair" styles. This reference was made in the female hair styles section but was not included for the males.
4. Regard the jewelry section, we would like to propose a consideration to add allowing diamond earrings. This is based on observation at the USCG that females wear these as part of their BDU. Additionally, they are as common place now as the gold earrings (and rings or bracelets) were when they were allowed as part of the uniform. These do not detract from the uniform nor are they a hazard.
5. Should specify the BDU (woodland vs. digital) or will this be interpreted as to comply with the accepted NAVY BDU?