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By Order of the Assistant Secretary for Health:

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SUBJECT: Field Medical Readiness Badge

1. PURPOSE: This Instruction provides officers in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service (Corps) with new/revised eligibility criteria for the Field Medical Readiness Badge (FMRB).
2. APPLICABILITY:
 - 2-1. All Regular and Reserve Corps officers on extended active duty serving within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS or Department) or detailed to non-HHS organizations, who serve on Corps deployments.
 - 2-2. All officers who meet the force readiness standards (See [Manual Circular No. 377](#) and [Personnel Policy Memorandum \(PPM\) 06-004](#)).
3. AUTHORITY:
 - 3-1. By memorandum dated 23 JULY 2003, the Secretary of HHS delegated the authorities necessary to administer the Corps to the Assistant Secretary for Health (ASH) (See also Statements of Organizations, Functions, and Delegations of Authority dated 18 DECEMBER 2003, [68 FR 70507](#)). The Surgeon General (SG) is responsible for the day-to-day management of Corps operations, force readiness, and field command of deployments. The Office of Force Readiness and Deployment (OFRD), within the Office of the Surgeon General, is responsible for force readiness activities for the Corps.
 - 3-2. [CC27.1.1](#), "Commissioned Officers' Awards Program," dated 12 SEPTEMBER 2000, unless superseded by this Instruction.
 - 3-3. [CC26.1.8](#), "PHS Readiness Standards," dated 18 DECEMBER 2003.
 - 3-4. Manual Circular No. 377, "Basic Level of Force Readiness Standards for the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service," dated 2 JULY 2004 (see PPM 06-004).
4. PROPONENT: The proponent of this Instruction is the ASH. The responsibility for assuring the day-to-day management of the Corps is the SG.

5. SUMMARY OF REVISIONS AND UPDATES: This is the first issuance of this Instruction within the electronic Commissioned Corps Issuance System (eCCIS) and replaces Commissioned Corps Personnel Manual (CCPM) CC27.1.1, Section F.7., dated 12 SEPTEMBER 2000. This Instruction replaces information from the previous INSTRUCTION of the CCPM, and creates a stand alone Instruction within the eCCIS.

6. POLICY:

- 6-1. The FMRB recognizes officers who have met criteria beyond the required force readiness standards. It is awarded on the basis of proven knowledge and skill related to force readiness and performance while engaged in Corps deployment(s).
- 6-2. Eligibility Criteria. To qualify for the FMRB, officers must meet the force readiness standards in addition to the following eligibility criteria:
- a. Service Requirement. Be serving on extended active duty in the Corps.
 - b. Physical Readiness Requirement. Must pass the Annual Physical Fitness Test (APFT) Level II as the minimum fitness standard.
 - c. Training Requirement. Complete the compulsory modules Web-based training for FMRB as defined by the SG in a Personnel Operations Memorandum (POM) signed by the SG and posted on the OFRD and Commissioned Corps Management Information System (CCMIS) Web sites. These will include required modules from the 'core', 'clinical' (if applicable), and 'optional' curricula of the Web-based OFRD modules. The Web site <http://ccrf.hhs.gov/ccrf/training.htm> contains the details of the FMRB Web-based training requirements.
 - d. Deployment Requirement. Participate in one or more Corps deployments consisting of a minimum of 7 days. Deployment days may be accumulated from multiple deployments performed within the last 3 years prior to the date of the officer's application for the FMRB.

7. RESPONSIBILITIES: The Director, OFRD, within the OSG, will review and determine those officers who meet the eligibility criteria, and will recommend award of the FMRB to the Office of Commissioned Corps Operations' (OCCO) Division of Commissioned Corps Officer Support (OCCO/DCCOS) for processing in accordance with standard procedures.

8. PROCEDURES:

8-1. Development and Notification of Training Courses for the FMRB. The SG, through the Director, OFRD, will establish Internet-based training for the FMRB contributing to the knowledge and skills of officers in deployment. The name and description of these training courses will be available to all officers through a POM posted on the OFRD and CCMIS Web sites. The POM will be issued at least annually. A copy of the POM will be sent to the Director, Office of Commissioned Corps Force Management (OCCFM), not later than 15 days after signature and approval by the Director, OFRD, for entry into the eCCIS.

8-2. Design and Wear of FMRB Award. The FMRB (pewter) special skills badge, in the design of a chaplain's cross with the anchor and caduceus overlay, is worn in the order earned (See [Manual Circular No. 372](#), dated 21 APRIL 2003). Once awarded the FMRB, an officer may continue to wear the badge indefinitely regardless of whether the badge was earned under the previous or current eligibility criteria.

Note: The FMRB is worn such that the anchor and caduceus are oriented as in the Public Health Service (PHS) Seal and PHS Cap Device. The cloth FMRB is worn centered and ¼ inch above the USPHS tape on the Battle Dress Uniform (BDU).

9. HISTORICAL NOTES: Section F.7., 'Field Medical Readiness Badge,' of CC27.1.1, is replaced in its entirety by this Instruction.