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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS  
DIRECTOR, DEFENSE COMMISSARY AGENCY

SUBJECT: Commissary, Military Exchange, and Morale, Welfare, and Recreation Access for  
Commissioned Officers of the Ready Reserve Corps of the United States Public  
Health Service

Section 204 of title 42, United States Code, establishes the Ready Reserve Corps of the United States Public Health Service (USPHS). These commissioned officers may be called to active duty in a manner similar to members of the Armed Forces of the United States Reserve Component.

Since the Commissioned Corps of the United States Public Health Service is recognized as a uniformed service, this memorandum extends commissary, military exchange, and morale, welfare and recreation access to commissioned officers of the Ready Reserve Corps of the USPHS, to the same extent as members of the Armed Forces of the United States Reserve Component, effective immediately. The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs will review and propose updates to Department policies, as warranted.

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