DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
U.S. Coast Guard

OFFICER SPECIALTY REQUIREMENTS (OSR)

Reference: COMDTINST M5300.3 (series)

SECTION I General Information

1. Specialty/Subspecialty Title (*Ex. Fixed Wing Aviation*)	2. Code (*Ex. CG-AVI11*)
Physician Assistant	CG-MED11

3. Specialty/Subspecialty Description

Officers serving in this sub-specialty are medical officers trained by an accredited civilian or military training program and are board certified by the National Commission on the Certification of Physician Assistants(NCCPA). See CG Medical Manual CIM M6000.1 (series), Chapter 1.B.1 & 1.B.17) for additional detail. HS17 upon designation from CG-112, to be updated by SPO.

4. Change Justification

☐ Annual Review ☐ Annual Review w/changes ☐ Required *(change in policy, law, etc.)*

☒ Other *(briefly state reason):* Form revision/annual review

SECTION II Initial (*Apprentice*) Specialty/Subspecialty Requirements

Enter items needed for specialty designation *(Use block 10 for additional space or another CGHQ-5318 form)*

5. Required items:	Competency	Training	Education	License
HS17, Clinical Staff Physician Assistant	×			
Bachelor of Science			×	
NCCPA certification				×
DEA registration number				×
Current State licensure (Within 4 months of initial certification)				×
Current Basic Life Support(BLS)/Advanced Cardiac Life Support(ACLS)				×

Notes: *(Required experience, in lieu of considerations...)*

N/A

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Enter items desired for career broadening/specialization. *(Use block 10 for additional space or another CGHQ-5318 form)*

6. Desired items	Competency	Training	Education	License
HS18, Physician Assistant-Senior	X			

Notes:
HS18: Requires completion of MCBC and C4 in addition to 8 years experience as a PA.

SECTION III Requirements to Maintain Specialty Designation

7. Designation Duration *(Ex. OSC expires 7 years after date last used, usually detachment from OSC coded billet)*

☐ No requirements to maintain designation

☒ Subject to deletion if -

Relieved for cause or relieved from primary duties in MED11 billet. OSC lapses if below not met. Aviation Physician Assistant(APA)continuing medical education requires attendance at Operational Aeromedical Problems(OAP) course every 3 years, as well as course marked with an *

Must remain current in, or must complete refresher training, or additional items as applicable, in the following	Competency	Training	Education	License
NCCPA certification				X
DEA registration number				X
Current State licensure				X
Current Basic Life Support(BLS)/Advanced Cardiac Life Support(ACLS)				X
HS19, Aviation Physician Assistant(APA)	X			
*500208, US Army Primary Flight Surgeon		X		

Notes:
With rare exception, PAs should have minimum of 2 years clinic experience prior to attending the flight surgeon course.
Per policy (COMDTINST M6000.1 (series), C1, Table 1-C-1) all primary care medical officers shall attend a week-long training every 3 years.

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SECTION IV Requirements to Advance: Journeyman/Master Levels (AJM)

☒ AJM IS NOT applicable for this specialty *(skip Section IV)*

☐ AJM IS applicable for this specialty *(Section II contains Apprentice requirements that must be met)*

Enter items needed for AJM designation *(Use block 10 for additional space or another CGHQ-5318 form)*

8. Journeyman *(in addition to block 5 items)* All items listed are required unless annotated with an *:	Competency	Training	Education	License
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Notes: *(Required experience, in lieu of considerations...)*

9. Master *(in addition to block 8 items)* All items listed are required unless annotated with an * :	Competency	Training	Education	License
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Notes: *(Required experience, in lieu of considerations...)*

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10. Additional Info:

We use the Inter-service Physician Assistant Program(IPAP) as an enlisted to officer commissioning source. The program has recently been opened to officers. For the foreseeable future we expect to be commissioning 2-3 enlisted personnel annually. They currently get commissioned as Ensigns, other services graduate theirs as 0-2. We may follow suit in the future, but recent recommendations for this commensurate measure have been denied. Since there are officers graduating now, it is important that we stratify skill level based on years as a PA and not by rank. New graduates, and those with up to 4 years experience may be considered for PA positions up to the 03 level. The DCO course should be completed within 1 year of graduation, or at maximum prior to 03 promotion board. C4 & MCBC courses are required prior to assignment of HS18.

As a guideline, new graduates normally go to units where there are other PAs. This would include the following locations: Coast Guard Academy, Cape May, Portsmouth, Alameda and Kodiak. If there is a need that cannot be filled otherwise, recommend seeking input from the program manager and HSWL OPMED(Senior PA) prior to filling as some physicians may be more willing than others to have a new grad in their clinic. The majority of the PA billets are 0-3.

Second tours as PAs could be at virtually any clinic, Air Station-if they have completed the requirements, or HEALY.

Third tour PAs(8-12) year clinical time should primarily be at 2-provider units, or hold senior PA positions at larger clinics. HS18

Fourth tour PAs(LCDR if commissioned from IPAP as Ensign) should be in senior PA positions at larger clinics, administrative positions in the HSWL SC construct or IPAP instructor. HS18

The career path for officer graduates is a work in progress, since the first one graduated in 2012. It is expected that they may need to pursue administrative tours earlier than their previously enlisted colleagues for promotion potential.

11. Specialty Manager *(SM)* / Sponsor Program	12. SM Phone Number	13. SM Email Address
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SECTION V Appropriate Approval Authority

14. Competent Authority as established by Assistant Commandant/Directorate *(Printed Name/Title/Grade)*

Erica Schwartz/ Chief of Health Services / CAPT

15. Signature	16. Date
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SECTION VI OPM-3 Review and Validation
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17. OPM-3 *(Printed Name/Title/Grade)*

CDR Beth Naff, CG PSC-OPM-3 Branch Chief

18. Signature	19. Date
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