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- Assignment coordination to determine the availability of services at the projected duty station
- Family support to help families identify and access programs and services

Enrollment:

Who should enroll in the program?

The family members of active duty Marines with special medical or educational needs, including a spouse, child or a dependent adult, should enroll in the program. This includes family members who:

- Require special medical services for a chronic condition such as asthma, attention deficit disorder, diabetes, multiple sclerosis, etc.
- Receive ongoing services from a medical specialist
- Have significant behavioral health concerns
- Receive early intervention or special education services through an individualized education program or individualized family service plan

Why enroll in the program?

Enrollment in the EFMP ensures a family member's documented medical and educational needs are considered during the assignment process. It also allows families to receive the support and assistance they need to navigate medical and educational systems.

How do families enroll in the program?

Enrollment in the EFMP is mandatory for active duty military members. Documentation required for enrollment in the EFMP is available from the installation EFMP office or from the EFMP website. The forms for enrollment are:

• **DD Form 2792** - Family Member Medical Summary. In order to document medical needs, the service member, spouse or adult family member completes the first two pages. The remainder is completed by the family member's physician or other qualified medical professional and includes the diagnosis, frequency of care, medication and any special accommodations required by the family member.

• **DD Form 2792-1** - Special Education/Early Intervention Summary. In order to document educational needs, the sponsor, parent or legal guardian completes items one through seven of the first page. The remainder of the form is completed by school or early intervention program personnel. The form includes the child's educational diagnosis and is accompanied by a copy of the IEP or individual family service plan.

After the appropriate medical or educational provider completes the forms, they must be returned to the EFMP office.

Assignment Coordination:

What is assignment coordination?

The military mission is the driving force behind the assignment process, but the EFMP enrollment ensures that a family member's special needs are considered



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in the process. Assignment coordination occurs when the personnel command requests medical or educational professionals to review a family member's documented needs to determine the availability of services at a projected location.

Why is assignment coordination important?

Assignment coordination is important because access to appropriate medical and educational services may be limited in some areas, especially in overseas and remote locations. When assignment coordination occurs, family members receive the care and support they require, and the service member can focus more clearly on mission-related responsibilities.

Family Support: What is family support?

The EFMP family support helps families identify and access programs and services. Family support includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- Information and referral for military and community services
- Education and outreach
- Referral to other family support center providers
- Local school and early intervention services information
- Warm handoffs to the EFMP at the next location
- Non-clinical case management, including individualized services plans

What is the role of the family support provider?

The role of the family support provider is to help families on that path to empowerment by providing information and referral services, non-medical case management, training and other forms of support, such as providing opportunities for families to connect with each other around a common need or concern.

Locating and navigating formal programs and services and informal supports when relocating can be difficult, because they may have a different title in the new state or fall under the responsibility of a different agency. The EFMP family support provider can help bridge that gap, as well as help families understand what those programs offer, how to determine eligibility and how to apply for benefits or entitlements.

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Common misconceptions about EFMP

I heard that....

“Enrollment in EFMP will impact on my career or that of my spouse”.

“I don’t have to enroll in the EFMP because my spouse/child has ...”

Misconceptions about EFMP busted!

“I will be labeled”

Registry in the program will not be an element of the Manpower Management System, individual record books or parent command records of the spouse or family members.

“I will be forced into assignments that will hinder promotions and career opportunities”

Enrollment cannot prejudice advancement or career opportunities of sponsors. The sponsor has the option of accepting an assignment while the family is supported in another location.

“As an EFMP sponsor, I cannot be deployed”

The program has no impact on the deployment responsibilities of the sponsor. Overseas unaccompanied, unit deployments, and standard deployments must be carried out without interruption.

“Enrollment in the program will allow me to select a duty station”

The program ensures that the sponsor will be assigned to a location where appropriate services exist. When the monitor’s “first pick” assignment is not suitable for the sponsor’s family, the EFMP Manager at HQ Marine Corps will examine the most recent case information and determine the best assignment based on the needs of the Marine Corps, the sponsor’s career pattern and the special needs of the family.

“I will not be eligible for an overseas accompanied assignment as an EFMP sponsor”

Overseas screening is the same for a families anticipating accompanied

orders. If the special needs of the family member can be met by the receiving location, an accompanied assignment may be authorized.

“Accepting preferential treatment from the program indicates an inability to carry out my responsibilities”

The program only prescribes an agreed upon the systematic manner to communicate your special needs when a random assignment is not suitable for you. In fact, most special needs can be accommodated at Quantico, VA and Camp Pendleton, CA. In many cases, the situation can be addressed with a standard East or West coast assignment.

“I don’t have to enroll in the EFMP”.

Enrollment in the EFMP is mandatory as per MCO 1754.4b for all active duty Marines with a family member who has a medical (physical, intellectual, and emotional) or educational condition at the time of identification or diagnosis of the condition by a qualified medical provider or educational authority.

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