Military

Exceptional Family Member Program

The Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is a mandatory enrollment program that works with other military and civilian agencies to provide comprehensive and coordinated community support, housing, educational, medical, and personnel services to families of children with disabilities and special healthcare needs.

Eligibility for Exceptional Family Member Program

Support for military families of children with disabilities and special healthcare needs is provided through the Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP). Although each Service has its own EFMP, they all serve the same essential function: coordinating the assignment process to ensure families of children with disabilities and special healthcare needs are not sent to locations that lack adequate medical or educational resources. Installation EFMP programs offer support programs and provide families with information about and referral to local services. Enrollment in the EFMP is mandatory for active-duty service members who have dependent family members with ongoing medical, mental health, or special educational needs.

What qualifies for an EFMP?

An Exceptional Family Member is a family member who is enrolled in Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) with any physical, emotional, developmental, or intellectual diagnosis that requires special treatment, therapy, education, training, or counseling, and meets the eligibility criteria.

How long does an EFMP takes to get approved and how long does the EFMP last?

The EFMP process can take up to 14 business days. All EFMP packages should be updated every three years.

What documentation is needed to enroll in EFMP?

DA Form 7246- EFMP Screening Questionnaire
DD Form 2792 - Family Member Medical Summary
DD Form 2792-1 - Special Education/Early Intervention Summary



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EFMP has how many enrollment categories?

There are six enrollment categories.

- **Category I:** No assignment restrictions. Enrollment is for monitoring purposes due to medical or educational needs.
- **Category II:** No CONUS (continental United States) assignment restrictions. OCONUS (outside of the continental United States) and remote assignments may be restricted if the qualifying condition cannot be supported due to the availability of required services.
- **Category III:** Some CONUS and OCONUS assignments may be limited based on diagnosis and requirements.
- **Category IV:** Normally, no overseas assignments. CONUS assignments only and must be near major medical areas, including Hawaii and Alaska. The family member's special medical condition or educational needs require assignment to billets within a two-hour drive under most conditions to access specialty care. This can be an MTF (Military Treatment Facility) or a civilian TRICARE facility.
- **Category V:** The family member(s) meets criteria for stabilization to remain in a particular geographic location, if the sponsor chooses.
- **Category VI:** Temporary category. The medical or educational condition requires a stable environment for six months to one year due to ongoing treatment or diagnostic assessments.

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