

# Air Force Exceptional Family Member Program-Medical (EFMP-M) Information Sheet

EFMP is a mandatory enrollment program, administered by AFPC that works with the medical community and the key community agencies to identify Active Duty sponsors who have family members with special educational or medical needs.

The Air Force Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) is designed to provide support to military family members with special needs. EFMP is offered by all branches of the military, and each Service includes a variety of personnel, medical, and family support functions under the EFMP umbrella. The portions of EFMP support that are provided by the AF Medical Service are known as EFMP-Medical (EFMP-M). EFMP-Family Support (EFMP-FS) is the community support component provided by Airman and Family Readiness Centers (A&FRCs). EFMP-M and EFMP-FS work together with the Assignments branch at the Air Force Personnel Center (AFPC) to provide comprehensive and coordinated medical, education, community support, housing, and personnel services to families with special needs. All three functions work with other military and civilian agencies to enhance the quality of life for families as they relocate around the world with their sponsors.

Additionally, EFMP-FS, EFMP-M, and EFMP-Assignments (EFMP-A) strive to ensure Air Force sponsors are assigned or employed in locations that support both the accomplishment of the mission and the well-being of families. There may come a time that a sponsor will be required to go unaccompanied.

The Family Member Relocation Clearance (FMRC) is mandatory for all family members traveling OCONUS and for all special needs family members traveling CONUS in conjunction with sponsor's PCS. This process is used to ensure specialized care/services are available at the projected gaining location.



It is important to remember to start the Family Member Relocation Clearance (FMRC) process as soon as you receive any indication that the sponsor will be issued orders for reassignment. It is important to contact your EFMP-M staff to let them know you may be relocating, so they can give you further guidance. This process can take some time to complete, there are many variables involved....**DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.** Please do not sell your house, cars, etc., until this process is complete. If you do and your family has not been recommended for travel, it could be a lonely trip and your family may need to find shelter and transportation.

## **FORMS REQUIRED: Search forms on the Web**

DD Form 2792, Exceptional Family Member Medical Summary

DD Form 2792-1, Exceptional Family Member Educational Summary

AF Form 1466, Request for Family Member's Medical and Educational Clearance for Travel

AF Form 1466D (Dental Health Summary)

The DD Form 2792 and 2792-1 are used for enrollment. It is important to have these forms updated when changes in status occur. You will be asked to have these forms completed once the FMRC process is initiated. If the medical/educational/legal status of a family member changes, please advise your SNC or EFMP-M office. It may be necessary to disenroll you or update your status.

Failure to report known conditions before relocation may result in subsequent administrative action and/or Early Return of Dependents (ERD), so it is important for the Service member to carefully consider family members' needs when completing the AF Form 4380 and AF Form 1466.

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## **THINGS TO CONSIDER:**

If you decide to utilize Tri-Care Standard vs. Prime, you will need to have the DD Form 2792(s) filled out by your civilian providers. Some will charge a substantial fee for this service. This fee is not reimbursable.

If you decide to take family members against travel recommendations you may encounter certain hardships such as but not limited to: not being able to enroll in Tri-Prime, base privileges restricted, not able to utilize base housing, or be held financially responsible for relocation. If you are found to be negligent in providing appropriate medical or educational services, you may be reported to local child and family services.

## **When you do have orders for PCS here are some helpful tips:**

1. Get off to a Right Start! All MTFs have an orientation program that helps patients new to their base enroll, get questions answered, and accelerate needed EFMP services. Contact the EFMP-M office to find out when the next session is and let them know you'll be attending.
2. Can't Wait? MTFs can help arrange urgent services at your next base. Let the EFMP Special Needs Coordinator know if there are medical services that you will need right away upon arrival. They can arrange for a Case Manager to contact your gaining base and begin working details for your care. Often your PCM can assist by writing necessary referrals ahead of time or calling ahead to arrange PCM care upon arrival. Some specialty services have long waiting lists, so it is best to discuss this with your PCM and plan ahead.
3. School concerns: The EFMP-FS (Family Support)/School Liaison Officer (SLO) staff are experts at working with local school districts on behalf of EFMP patients. If you have concerns or questions regarding school services, community services, or local resources, they can be of great assistance.
4. Understanding TRICARE Regions: The TRICARE program is managed by different contractors in different regions. It is important for patients to re-enroll upon arriving at their new base. This is especially true if you have moved from OCONUS to CONUS or from region to region within CONUS, so that your local care at your new base is covered. Plan on attending the installation's medical orientation as soon as possible upon your arrival to your new base to enroll at the new MTF and have a PCM assigned. If you cannot attend promptly, you can enroll at your new base by calling the TRICARE contractor and explaining your situation.

If your medical needs are not being adequately met at your local installation, please see your SNC who can give you information about applying for an EFMP Reassignment through the VMPF. Also, your SNC can advise you if you are eligible for a deferment.

Additional Resources can be found at: [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)

[Family Member Clearance Process](#)

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