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## BENEFITS TO SERVICE MEMBERS, FAMILIES, AND COMMANDS

- **Networking, information, referral, and resources**, and assistance during PCS moves.
- **Peace of mind** for deployed service members and their families.
- **Enhances command readiness** through support to the service member and family.
- **Improves retention** by providing support to skilled sailors who may otherwise have considered separation in order to best meet their family's needs.
- **Decreases costly overseas returns** by proactively ensuring that duty assignments are made with special needs taken into consideration.

## ELIGIBILITY FOR EFMP

Military dependents who: Are affected by a physical, mental health or educational condition requiring special care or services not generally available in isolated or overseas locations.

- Enrolled in DEERS.
- Reside with the sponsor (excluding geographic bachelors and family members living in residential care facilities).

**Note: Enrollment is mandatory for all Sailors who have family members with special needs.**

## EFMP CATEGORIES

Once enrolled, your family member is assigned one of six categories based upon the frequency and duration of treatment and support that he or she requires. Orders are issued using the category assignment as a guideline. It is important to note that these categories apply to the family member and do not restrict the sea and shore duty requirements of the service member.

- **Category 1** Needs do not generally limit assignments
- **Category 2** Condition requires specific CONUS or overseas locations
- **Category 3** Usually no assignment to overseas locations based on non-availability of needed services
- **Category 4** Assignment to billets near major military or civilian medical facility
- **Category 5** Enables service member to homestead in a major medical area that offers both sea and shore assignments.
- **Category 6** Temporary Category: Condition requires a stable environment for six months to one year.

## ASSISTANCE WITH ENROLLMENT, UPDATES, AND DISENROLLMENT

Services are provided by Fleet and Family Support EFMP Liaisons and Medical Treatment Facility EFMP Coordinators. EFMP enrollment is mandatory and required immediately upon identification of a special need: [Enrollment Forms](#).

Fleet & Family Support EFMP Liaisons can assist EFM families in identifying special needs services and resources by locating local military & civilian resources, special education assistance, social & support groups, treatment providers, and information about local disability services.

## RESOURCES

[Exceptional Family Member Program Guide](#)

[Military OneSource](#)

[Militaryhomefront](#)

[Navy Personnel Command](#)