

Coast Guard - Family Care Plans

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Background

- **Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 1342.19, Family Care Plans (FCP), establishes policy, assigns responsibilities, and prescribes procedures for the care of dependent family members.**
- DoDI 1342.19 does **NOT** apply to the Coast Guard.
- Coast Guard policy:
 - Does **NOT require** Active Duty parents or dual-military couples to establish and/or maintain a FCP. However, unit Commanding Officers may establish local FCP requirements.
 - **REQUIRES** certain members of the Ready Reserve to maintain an FCP in order to address the potential for short-notice involuntary activation (48 hours) under Title 14, United States Code, §712.



Applied Family Care Plans

- Reservists who are single parents, dual-member couples with dependents, or are primarily responsible for dependent family members shall validate annually they:
 - (1) Have adequate, proper dependent care arrangements; and
 - (2) Are maintaining an accurate Family Care Plan (FCP) iaw DoDI 1342.19.
- FCPs for reservists should be reviewed at the unit level as part of the annual administrative validation process outlined in PPCINST M1000.2(series). However, FCPs are not specifically called out for validation.
- Procedures for preparing, maintaining, or tracking FCPs are currently not well established and vary by unit. Development of additional policy & procedures pends.
- Failure to maintain an FCP may result in transfer from the Selected Reserve to the Coast Guard Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) or Standby Reserve until family circumstances change, or an adequate FCP can be validated.



Questions/ Comments



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