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SUBJECT: Policy Clarification for Priority 1 Access to Department of Defense Child Development Programs

The Department of Defense (DoD) identifies child care as a critical element of military family readiness and has established policy that emphasizes the importance of providing child care for eligible families in cases in which all parents or caregivers residing with the child are working outside the home. This emphasis is reflected in the priority system established in DoD Instruction (DoDI) 6060.02, "Child Development Programs (CDPs)." With a view to implementing the priority system in January 2015, this memorandum clarifies the DoDI 6060.02 definition of Priority 1 access to Department of Defense CDPs.

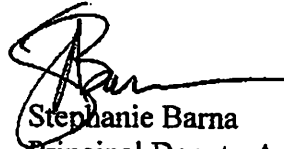
The current definition of Priority 1 does not expressly include Service members and DoD civilians with working spouses (other than dual military and dual DoD civilian couples) in the list of eligible Priority 1 users. DoD intent has always been to include Service members and DoD civilians with a working spouse as Priority 1 eligible. Accordingly, the order of precedence from highest to lowest within Priority 1, for qualifying children from birth through age 12, is clarified as follows:

- Children of combat-related wounded warriors
- Child development program direct care staff
- Single Military Service members on active duty or dual active duty Service Member couples
- Active duty Service members with a working spouse (including a DoD civilian spouse)
- Single DoD civilian employees paid from appropriated funds (APF) or nonappropriated funds (NAF) or dual DoD civilian employee couples
- DoD civilians with a working spouse who is not a DoD civilian
- Surviving spouses of military members who died from a combat-related incident

Note: Those acting in loco parentis on behalf of the aforementioned eligible patrons will be placed in the appropriate priority based on the status of the child's sponsor.

The current definition of Priority 1 also does not include language affirming that eligible users will have access to child care in the order in which they are listed within the Priority 1 definition. This memorandum clarifies DoD intent that eligible users will access child care in the order they are listed in the Priority 1 definition.

This language will be included in the next update to DoDI 6060.02. My point of contact for this matter is Ms. Carolyn Stevens, carolyn.s.stevens.civ@mail.mil or (571) 372-0867.



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