EFMP and COVID-19 FAQs

1. What does the Stop Movement guidance mean for my PCS orders?

If you have PCS orders with an execution date between 16 March and 11 May 2020, you are impacted by the Stop Movement Guidance, issued 20 March. Please review MARADMIN 167/20, U.S. Marine Corps Disease Containment Preparedness Planning Guidance for 2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19); Stop Movement. Questions should be directed to your chain of command.

2. Due to health and safety precautions associated with COVID-19, my child’s in-home Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) therapy has been suspended. What should I do?

On 30 March 2020, TRICARE announced an exception to policy regarding the use of telehealth (TH) capabilities for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services specifically during this COVID-19 pandemic.

During the specific time period of COVID-19 impact (effective date of March 31, 2020 through May 31, 2020), TRICARE is permitting the unlimited use of Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) code 97156 Parent/Caregiver Guidance via only synchronous (real-time HIPAA compliant two-way audio and video) TH services to beneficiaries with an authorization from the contractors. Should the period of emergency extend past May 31, 2020, DHA will provide additional guidance on a possible extension of this exception to policy.

Contact your ABA provider for more information and to discuss telehealth options for your family member.

3. I’m concerned about moving my family to specific locations, even if I’m not impacted by the Stop Movement. What should I do?

All families are encouraged to speak with their health care provider to discuss concerns about moving to a new location amidst COVID-19. If you have a TRICARE Case Manager, please ensure you contact them so that can assist you with transferring medical care and getting initial appointments established. EFMP-enrolled families have options for delayed dependent travel. Please contact us at hqmc.efmp@usmc.mil to discuss your situation and the options you may want to consider.

4. I’m concerned about having enough of my prescription medication. What can I do?

TRICARE offers and encourages families to get a 90 day supply of medication via military pharmacies, TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery or retail network pharmacies. For more information, review the COVID-19 FAQs at www.tricare.mil. Any changes to the Pharmacy benefit will be posted here.

5. Should the school be providing special education or related services during school closures?

The Department of Education issued guidance earlier this month to schools. Read the DoE’s Fact Sheet here. If a school is providing services to general education students, then the school must
ensure FAPE is being provided. If related services cannot be provided via distance then compensatory services may end up having to be provided. If you have questions, please contact one of the attorneys supporting EFMP families at their respective numbers below:

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