

E4. ENCLOSURE 4

DOD CRITERIA FOR IDENTIFYING A FAMILY MEMBER WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

E4.1. SPECIAL MEDICAL NEEDS

E4.1.1. Family members of active duty Service members and civilian employees appointed to an overseas position who meets one or more of the following criteria shall be identified as a family member with special medical needs:

E4.1.1.1. Potentially life-threatening conditions and/or chronic medical/physical conditions (such as high-risk newborns, patients with a diagnosis of cancer within the last 5 years, sickle cell disease, insulin-dependent diabetes) requiring follow-up support more than once a year or specialty care.

E4.1.1.2. Current and chronic (duration of 6 months or longer) mental health condition (such as bi-polar, conduct, major affective, or thought/personality disorders); inpatient or intensive outpatient mental health service within the last 5 years; intensive (greater than one visit monthly for more than 6 months) mental health services required at the present time. This includes medical care from any provider, including a primary health care provider.

E4.1.1.3. A diagnosis of asthma or other respiratory-related diagnosis with chronic recurring wheezing which meets one of the following criteria:

E4.1.1.3.1. Scheduled use of inhaled anti-inflammatory agents and/or bronchodilators.

E4.1.1.3.2. History of emergency room use or clinic visits for acute asthma exacerbations within the last year.

E4.1.1.3.3. History of one or more hospitalizations for asthma within the past 5 years.

E4.1.1.3.4. History of intensive care unit admissions for asthma within the past 5 years.

E4.1.1.4. A diagnosis of attention deficit disorder/attention deficit hyperactivity disorder that meets one of the following criteria:

E4.1.1.4.1. A co-morbid psychological diagnosis.

E4.1.1.4.2. Requires multiple medications, psycho-pharmaceuticals (other than stimulants) or does not respond to normal doses of medication.

E4.1.1.4.3. Requires management and treatment by mental health provider (e.g., Psychiatrist, Psychologist, Social Worker).

E4.1.1.4.4. Requires specialty consultant, other than a family practice physician or general medical officer, more than twice a year on a chronic basis.

E4.1.1.4.5. Requires modifications of the educational curriculum or the use of behavioral management staff.

E4.1.1.5. Requires adaptive equipment (such as an apnea home monitor, home nebulizer, wheelchair, splints, braces, orthotics, hearing aids, home oxygen therapy, home ventilator, etc.)

E4.1.1.6. Requires assistive technology devices (such as communication devices) or services.

E4.1.1.7. Requires environmental/architectural considerations (such as limited numbers of steps, wheelchair accessibility/housing modifications and air conditioning).

E4.2. SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS

Family members of active duty Service members and civilian employees appointed to an overseas position shall be identified as a family member with special educational needs and eligible for EIS or special education or if they meet one of the following criteria:

E4.2.1. Has or requires an IFSP

E4.2.2. Has or requires an IEP.