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SUBJECT: Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Family Coverage

In November 2001, Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) coverage was extended to include spouses of Service members. This is now an automatic benefit for all Service members' spouses and premiums are automatically deducted from the pay of the Service member unless the member chooses to decline the benefit. Service members may reduce or decline spousal coverage by submitting a signed SGLV Form 8286A, Family Coverage Election and Certificate to their personnel office.

Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) is the data source for determining enrollment for SGLI Family Coverage. The Service member must report any changes in dependent status such as a marriage or birth of a child within 60 days of the event. This is in addition to the sponsor's responsibility to report all dependents regardless of their enrollment in benefit programs such as SGLI Family Coverage.

To ensure correct DEERS data, Service members in a joint Service marriage must report all dependents, including spouses who are sponsors in their own right, to DEERS.

The point of contact for this action is Ms. Heidi Boyd, who can be reached at (703) 696-0404.


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