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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

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Chief, Strategic Planning and Policy Division

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9115-C:

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9130-A:

9130 COLA FOR A MEMBER WITH DEPENDENT

*A. General. A member with dependent(s) is authorized OCONUS COLA based on the number of command-sponsored dependents at the PDS vicinity (See par. 9210 for authority for member-married-to-member couples) regardless of GOV'T dining facility/mess availability (including aboard ship), except:

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- *5. When in a confinement status as a result of disciplinary action, the member is authorized OCONUS COLA for command sponsored dependents only at the rate specified in App J for the number of command sponsored dependents who continue to reside in the PDS vicinity.

The following pages are the same policy preceding this page but showing tracked changes.



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