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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: UTD for MAP 120-14(E) – OCONUS COLA

1. **SYNOPSIS:** Precludes a member from an OCONUS COLA entitlement when the member, or one or more dependents, are not present at the OCONUS PDS location for more than 30 days. Currently, a COLA is only reduced if the member and/or all dependents(s) return to CONUS for more than 30 days. This decision allows a reduction in COLA regardless of the member or dependent(s) alternate location.

2. These changes are scheduled to appear in the JTR with a publication date of 1 November 2014.

3. Revisions in this information item are *effective 1 October 2014*.

//Approved//

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JTR REVISIONS

9115-C:

C. Leave Periods. If a member without dependents takes leave away from the OCONUS PDS~~in CONUS~~, COLA continues for the first 30 days and stops as of day on day 31. If COLA is stopped, it starts again the day the member returns to the PDS from leave. ~~If a member without dependent takes OCONUS leave, COLA continues during the entire leave period.~~

9130-A:

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

1. When a member is on leave away from the OCONUS PDS for more than 30 days and is accompanied by all command sponsored dependents.~~For any day in excess of 30 consecutive calendar days that a member accompanied by *all* dependents is on leave in CONUS;~~
2. When any command sponsored dependent departs the OCONUS PDS~~returns to CONUS~~ for a temporary period ~~in excess of~~ more than 30 consecutive calendar days, the COLA payment beginning on the 31st day is reduced to the rate specified in APP J for the number of command sponsored dependents remaining at the PDS;
3. When a command sponsored dependent departs the PDS vicinity ~~and returns to CONUS~~ to attend school, the payment is reduced ~~as of~~ the day following the departure day to the rate specified in APP J for the number of command sponsored dependents remaining at the PDS;~~or~~
4. When one or more (but not all) command sponsored dependents depart the PDS vicinity ~~and for~~ early/advance-return to a location other than the OCONUS PDS~~CONUS~~, the OCONUS COLA payment is reduced ~~as of~~ the day following the command sponsored dependents' departure to the rate specified in APP J, for the number of command sponsored dependents remaining. If all the command sponsored dependents early/advance-return to a location other than the OCONUS PDS~~CONUS~~, the member becomes a member without dependents (See par. 9000-B2) and the OCONUS COLA at the with-dependent rate terminates the day before the command sponsored dependents depart the member's PDS. ~~See pars. U8024 and U8026 for CONUS COLA payment when all the dependents early/advance return at GOV'T expense. See par. 9225 for early/advance return of foreign-born command sponsored dependents authorized to travel to their native country; or~~
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.

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