

Questionable Dependent/PPC Legal Approval

Introduction This section provides procedures on how to enter a questionable dependent to a member's **BAH/Dependency form** for PPC Legal approval. Questionable BAH eligible dependents are defined in Chapter 3-D and Figure 3-8 of the Coast Guard Pay Manual, COMDTINST M7220.29 (series), Marking the BAH eligible box and entering eligibility date will allow the questionable dependent to be printed on the BAH/Dependency form without initiating Pay actions. Questionable dependents requiring PPC Legal approval will be entered as dependents but WILL NOT have the entitlements portions completed until AFTER approval is received from PPC Legal. Once the data is entered and saved, it can be printed on a BAH/Dependency Report (old CG-41701A). See BAH Dependency Form Print Procedure for more information.

Reference Before requesting the addition of a questionable dependent as a BAH eligible family member, you should consult Chapter 3-D and Figure 3-8 of the Coast Guard Pay Manual, COMDTINST M7220.29 (series).

Pages and Tabs See the “[Dependent Information User Guide](#)” for a description of the component.

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Process

ALWAYS consult Chapter 3-D and Figure 3-8 of the Coast Guard Pay Manual, COMDTINST M7220.29 (series) for complete guidance and requirements for dependency approval. All requests for the addition of a questionable dependent are sent to:

Commanding Officer (LGL)
U.S. Coast Guard
Pay & Personnel Center
444 S.E. Quincy Street
Topeka, KS 66683-3591

Legal Ward

REQUIRED FORMS

- Direct Access BAH/Dependency Data Report with Legal Ward child listed.
- CG-2020, Dependency Worksheet
- Court Order: Must be signed by a Judge – The court order must give temporary custody or guardianship of a child (under 21 years of age) to the member, for at least 12 consecutive months. If the court order is silent on the time element (does not list dates or a time frame), the member must send a **notarized statement** as to how long he plans to keep the Legal Ward child in the household).
- CG-2020A, Support Statement **OR** a Notarized Statement from the member certifying they are providing the substantial support for the Legal Ward Child.
- The child **must be residing** in the member's home.

Note: A legal ward is defined as any person, under the age of 21, whom the court has awarded a guardian. A legal ward does not need to be a family relative of the guardian

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Incapacitated Child

REQUIRED FORMS

- Direct Access BAH/Dependency Data Report with incapacitated child listed.
 - CG-2020, Dependency Worksheet
 - Current medical analysis of the child indicating this child's incapacitation - The analysis must indicate the child is incapable of self-care, either physically or mentally.
 - CG-2020A, Support Statement **OR** a Notarized Statement from the member certifying they are providing substantial support for the incapacitated Child.
 - Record of member carrying the incapacitated child as a dependent before the child's 23rd birthday
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Illegitimate Child (Member father does not have physical custody of child)

REQUIRED FORMS

- Direct Access BAH/Dependency Data Report with illegitimate child listed.
- CG-2020, Dependency Worksheet
- CG-2020A, Support Statement
- Certified birth certificate showing both parents names. If member is not listed on the birth certificate, a notarized statement, from the member, certifying he is the biological father of the child is required.
- Proof of Support (cancelled checks, money orders, receipts, withholding orders, or voluntary allotments). The person who has physical custody of the child must be the recipient of the support and support must be solely for said child.



The SPO approves the dependent when the member has physical custody of the child. PPC Legal approval is only required for an illegitimate child who is NOT in the physical custody of the member

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Parent/Parent -In-Law

REQUIRED FORMS:

- Direct Access BAH/Dependency Data Report with parent/parent-in-law listed.
- CG-2020, Dependency Worksheet. The current mailing address for the parent/parent-in-law must be included on this form.
- CG-2020A, Support Statement



PPC Legal will send a CG-1758 (Parent Dependency Affidavit) to the parent/parent-in-law. Once completed, it will need to be signed, notarized and returned to PPC Legal. An eligibility determination cannot be made until the completed CG 1758 is returned.

In Loco Parentis

REQUIRED FORMS:

- Direct Access BAH/Dependency Data Report with in loco parentis listed
- CG-2020, Dependency Worksheet. The current mailing address for the in loco parentis must be included on this form.
- CG-2020A, Support Statement
- Notarized statement from the requesting in loco parentis certifying the member lived with them for at least 5 years before the member's 21st birthday.



(In order for a person to be considered in loco parentis, he or she must have intentionally assumed the rights and duties of a parent for the member.)

Foreign Marriages/ Foreign Divorces

REQUIRED FORMS:

- Direct Access BAH/Dependency Data Report with spouse listed.
- CG-2020A, Support Statement
- Certified copy of the original marriage/divorce certificate. If the foreign marriage/divorce certificate is in a foreign language, a certified English translation is required.

NOTES: All Foreign marriages require PPC Legal approval. Any claim involving remarriage of a member following a foreign nation divorce requires PPC Legal approval. Marriages by proxy, telephone, common-law and remarriage within prohibited period following divorce are all considered cases of doubtful relationship and require PPC Legal approval. When in doubt, consult *Coast Guard Pay Manual, COMDTINST M7220.29 (series)*.
