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MEMORANDUM FOR SEVENTH AIR FORCE AIRMEN, GUARDIANS, AND FAMILIES

FROM: 7 AF/CC
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SUBJECT: Making an Informed Choice -- Non-Command Sponsorship Program (non-CSP) Dependents

1. As part of our ongoing commitment to the well-being of Airmen, Guardians, and their families, we would like to bring your attention to an important matter concerning the relocation of non-CSP dependents to South Korea. Our primary goal at Seventh Air Forces is to ensure all members and their families are well-informed about the available services and limitations before planning the movement of non-CSP dependents to South Korea.
2. The Informed Choice Guide, attached below, has been designated to provide you with a comprehensive overview of the resources that are available to you and your family when considering the relocation of non-CSP dependents to South Korea. It is essential for everyone involved to have access to this information to make informed choices that align with individual needs and circumstances. Please take the time to review the attached guide thoroughly. It includes details on various services, considerations, and limitations that may impact your decision. We encourage you to discuss this information with your family members and consider all factors before deciding to relocate your non-CSP dependents.
3. We understand that these decisions are personal and can have a significant impact on your family's well-being. Our goal is to provide you with the necessary information and support to make choices that best suit your unique situation. We are here to assist you and ensure that you have the information you need to make a well-informed decision for you and your family. Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and we appreciate your dedication to the Seventh Air Force community.
4. If you have any questions or require further clarification after reviewing the Informed Choice Guide, please do not hesitate to reach out to the 7 AF/A1 at DSN 784-1016 or via email at 7afa1.org@us.af.mil.

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Attachment:
Informed Choice Guide for Non-Command Sponsorship Program Dependents

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Introduction:

When a service member receives an unaccompanied assignment to South Korea, they *can* choose to bring their dependents in a *non-Command Sponsorship Program (non-CSP)* status. However, coming to South Korea non-CSP means dependents may receive entitlements and benefits differently or in some cases not at all. This is a significant family and life decision and should not be taken lightly. This guide provides a comparison of benefits between command sponsored and non-CSP families to aid in making the decision.

Key Airmen/Guardian Responsibilities for Bringing non-CSP Dependents to South Korea

Emergency Evacuation Preparedness: Non-CSP dependents in South Korea must be prepared and enrolled by their service member in their unit Noncombatant Evacuation Operations (NEO) warden program in accordance with USFK Pamphlet 600-300, *Noncombatant Emergency Evacuation Instructions*, 30 Jan 19, paragraph 2-10. All service members are also issued an emergency protective mask for their dependents. Find out more in the NEO section of the Seventh Air Force website: www.7AF.PACAF.AF.MIL.

Paid Allowances: In accordance with DoD 7000.14-R, *Financial Management Regulation (FMR) Volume 7A*, Chapter 26, *Housing Allowances*, service members must properly certify the locations of their dependents to ensure the entitlements are paid correctly. Airmen and Guardians assigned to Essential Station Messing (e.g., assigned to a dorm) are not paid a Basic Allowance for Subsistence regardless of a dependent's location. **Note:** *A service member with non-CSP dependents in South Korea is not authorized Family Separation Allowance and housing allowances are also impacted.*

Getting Here: Travel, Documentation, Household Good, and Vehicles

TRAVEL			
Benefit / Entitlement	Command Sponsorship Program (CSP) with Dependents Accompanied Tour	Non-CSP with Dependents Unaccompanied Tour	Unaccompanied, Dependents not in ROK
<u>Transportation Expenses</u>	Government Funded Travel includes: PCS Travel Govt Funded Emergency Travel Dependent Education Student Travel	No government funded travel entitlements to the ROK.	No travel entitlements to the ROK.
<u>Quarantine Arrangements in a Public Health Emergency</u>	Entitled to government funded base quarantine facilities when travelling on government-funded travel.	Quarantine facilities are space available and self-funded. If space is not available, non-CSP dependents quarantine at South Korean Government approved facilities at a higher cost.	N/A
<u>Space-A Patriot Express Travel</u>	May use Space-A to travel round trip FROM South Korea as Category V. https://www.amc.af.mil/AMC-Travel-Site/Terminals/PACOM-Terminals/Osan-AB-Passenger-Terminal/	May use Space-A as Category V for OCONUS-to-OCONUS travel. May use Space-A as Category I for emergency travel FROM South Korea. Cannot use Space-A to return to South Korea.	May use Space-A as Category V on a round trip TO South Korea once every 365 days.

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DOCUMENTATION			
Benefit / Entitlement	CSP with Dependents Accompanied Tour	Non-CSP with Dependents Unaccompanied Tour	Unaccompanied, Dependents not in ROK
<u>Orders</u>	Service members receive orders with a CSP number, and their dependents named on the order as travelling to South Korea via government funding. PCS orders will reflect the following: Dependent(s) info, Type of Tour/Accompanied, Medical Clearance approval/date, CSP approval/date.	Service members coming to South Korea on an unaccompanied, dependent restricted tour and who elect to bring non-CSP dependents to South Korea must update their dependents' address in DEERs once in country.	The orders reflect the Designated Location the family has chosen to live. Government funded options vary depending upon service member's circumstances. Speak with your wing relocation and financial counselors. PCS orders will reflect the following: Dependent(s) info, Type of Tour/Unaccompanied, Dependents Restricted.
<u>Tour Lengths</u>	Accompanied: Two or Three years.	Unaccompanied: One year.	Unaccompanied: One year.
<i>Tour Length Note: Personnel Processing Code Key positions at Osan AB are two years in length regardless of the choice to serve accompanied or not.</i>			
<u>Passport Funding for Dependents (US Passport Holders)</u>	Government funded blue no-fee US passport using the installation official passport office and DoD network.	Self-funded US Blue Tourist passport. No access to DoD passport network.	N/A
<u>Visa and SOFA Stamp</u> DoD Source: Foreign Clearance Guide	Korean A-3 visas allow DoD dependents the ability to live in Korea and work long term while the service member serves in South Korea. All DoD dependents named on military PCS orders are issued A-3 visas by Korean immigration concurrently with the Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) stamp in the passport. The SOFA stamp certifies the holder is accompanying the service member. It is not related to command sponsorship. Korean A-3 visas allow DoD dependents, both CSP and non-CSP, to live and work (on base) in South Korea for the duration of the service member's assignment. The stamp is annotated for expiration based on the last month of the orders, also called the DEROS month (Date Eligible for Return from Overseas).		N/A
<u>Immigrating South Korea:</u> DoD Source: Foreign Clearance Guide	<p><u>US Passport Holders:</u> U.S. passport holders enter South Korea on a visa waiver program and get a 90-day A-2 "tourist" visa upon arrival. They must get the A-3 visa and SOFA stamp within 30 days of arrival. This service is provided by your installation's Immigration Office.</p> <p><u>Republic of Korea Passport Holders:</u> ROK passport holders enter as nationals of the country.</p> <p><u>Third Country (non-US, non-ROK) Passport Holders:</u> DoD dependents with passports from other countries other than the US or South Korea must determine if they need a visa issued prior to coming to South Korea from a South Korean embassy or consulate or they will be barred entry from South Korea and returned. This applies to both CSP and non-CSP travelers. Using the DoD Foreign Clearance Guide,</p>		N/A

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	find South Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs resources that pertain to your passport nationality and requirements for South Korea.	
<u>Noncombatant Evacuation Operations (NEO)</u>	Must participate in annual NEO exercises in Korea and can be ordered to evacuate in times of natural disasters, war, or hostilities.	N/A

VEHICLES AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS			
Benefit / Entitlement	CSP with Dependents	Non-CSP with Dependents	Unaccompanied, Dependents not in ROK
<u>Shipping a vehicle, USFK driver's license, and vehicle registration</u>	All service members and family dependents (18+) may obtain a USFK driver's license regardless of command sponsor status. While E-7 and above are authorized to ship and register one vehicle, this is not authorized for E-6 and below. E-6 and below residing on base are required to obtain an exception to policy (ETP) to own and register a Korean POV. The first O-5 in their chain of command must sign the ETP letter. Moreover, registering a second vehicle requires an approved ETP for all service members and family dependents regardless of CSP status.		N/A
<u>Unaccompanied "Hold" Baggage Household Goods</u> DoD Source: Joint Travel Regulation (JTR)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accompanied service members are entitled to ship their full accompanied JTR weight based on their rank entitlement in the JTR. - Hold baggage is an entitlement set at typically 500 pounds and shipped regardless of CSP status. - Reference the JTR for limits and restrictions. Please do not ship appliances. They are provided. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-CSP dependents are not entitled to shipping household goods. Unaccompanied service members, to include those who bring non-CSP dependents to South Korea, are entitled to ship a limited unaccompanied weight based on their rank and the JTR. - Hold baggage is shipped independent of CSP status. - Reference the JTR for limits and restrictions that apply to you. Please do not ship appliances as they are provided in apartments. 	N/A

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Key Entitlements and Benefits: Medical, Base Schools, and Child Care

MEDICAL, BASE SCHOOLS, & CHILD CARE			
Benefit / Entitlement	CSP with Dependents	Non-CSP with Dependents	Unaccompanied, Dependents not in ROK
<u>Tricare Medical Services in Korea</u>	Receives Primary Care on base. Enrolled in Tricare Prime. Most specialty care clinics on base serve Active-Duty members only and do not have services available (i.e., Mental Health, Optometry, Dental, etc.). Some medical services, especially mental health care and certain pediatric specialties, may not be available or are extremely limited on the Korean market. Please review the Tricare Overseas (International SOS) Provider Look up to search for availability of care which suits your needs: https://www.tricare-overseas.com/beneficiaries/resource/provider-search	<p>Non-CSP dependents in South Korea receive medical benefits on the economy for care. There are limited space available appointments at the military treatment facilities for acute issues. Tricare eligible non-CSP dependents in South Korea must enroll in Tricare Select and see a provider off base for primary care and specialty care. Some medical services, especially mental health care and certain pediatric specialties, may not be available or are extremely limited on the Korean market. Please research availability of care your non-CSP dependents may need in Korea.</p> <p>Tricare Overseas (International SOS): www.tricare-overseas.com</p> <p>Korean Toll-Free: 080-429-0880</p> <p>When traveling stateside: 1-877-678-1208</p> <p>While overseas: +65-6339-2676</p> <p>Provider look up: https://www.tricare-overseas.com/beneficiaries/resource/provider-search</p> <p>51 MDG: https://osan.tricare.mil</p> <p>8 MDG: https://kunsan.tricare.mil</p>	Receives Tricare plan they select at the Designated Location.
<u>Base Schools</u> DoD Source: DoDEA Administrative Instruction 1344.01	Enrolled in DoDEA schools on base.	Space Available Only. Slots are limited. Availability will change from school year to school year and school to school. Check out DoDEA Pacific West: https://www.dodea.edu/Pacific/west/index.cfm	Receives US public school education in accordance with law if in US.
<u>Base Child Care</u>	Earned based on DoD Priority. Osan has limited slots.	Space Available Only.	Earns slot based on DoD priority.

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EDUCATION & CHILD CARE ALTERNATIVES
Off base religious, private, public, and international childcare, and schools (Pyeongtaek area (surrounding city))
Private or public home-schooling programs (non-DOD).
<i>Note: These self-funded options are non-DoD affiliated or endorsed and are open to all.</i>

LIVING ARRANGEMENTS			
Benefit / Entitlement	CSP with Dependents	Non-CSP with Dependents	Unaccompanied, Dependents not in ROK
<u>Housing</u>	CSP dependents are eligible to live on base in military family housing. Those who live off base receive an Overseas Housing Allowance with Dependents rate.	Non-CSP dependents are not eligible to live on base. Service members bringing non-CSP dependents to South Korea and who certify it with base finance, are entitled to the Overseas Housing Allowance with Dependents rate for those dependents who reside in South Korea. The active-duty member may still be assigned a dorm and not authorized to live off base without an approved ETP.	Receives quarters or housing allowance at designated location.
<u>Government “Loaner” Furniture</u>	Service members and CSP dependents are eligible to use government loaner furniture while awaiting their furniture to arrive and before PCS when their furniture is shipped. The service is for the service members and the number of command sponsored dependents.	This service is not available to non-CSP dependents. Service members who are not assigned a dorm but live off base, do have a loaner furniture service limited to them.	N/A
<u>Government Appliances</u>	Command sponsored families and unaccompanied service members receive appliances (washer, dryer, dishwasher, stove, and refrigerator) for the duration of their tour.	Non-CSP dependents residing in South Korea are not authorized government appliances in their own right. Unaccompanied service members receive appliances in their dorm or off base housing to accommodate one person.	N/A

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Where available, both CSP and non-CSP Dependents may use the following base facilities and services:

BASE ACCESS
Defense Biometric Identification System (registration is automatic globally now)
Escorting Guest on Base (installation rules and age restrictions apply)

BASE HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICE
Any DoD dependent with an A-3 Visa may apply for base jobs and work on base.

HELPING AGENCIES
Military and Family Readiness Center (MFRC); Red Cross; and Women, Infants, and Children Overseas Program (WIC)
Base Legal Services

DUTY FREE GOODS
Commissary
Base Exchange/Shoppette/Gas Station

SERVICES
Force Support MWR Facilities, Club Membership, Community Centers, Fitness Centers, Lodging
Education Center College Classes (Space available)
Base Shuttle (Space available)
Veterinarian Services (Osan Air Base; only offered at other select USFK bases)
Post Office Box, Post Office Mailing
Movie Theater, AAFES eateries, base restaurants, cafes, food trucks, and concessions