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FY19 CHILD CARE SUBSIDY PROGRAM (CCSP) CHANGE NOTIFICATION

The Coast Guard Child Care Subsidy Program (CCSP) has been administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) since 2016. The USDA is now closing its subsidy administration business line and will no longer service the Coast Guard after 31 March 2019. The USCG has established a partnership with the Navy Child & Youth Programs (CYP), and effective 01 April 2019 the Navy CYP will serve as the new subsidy administrator. USDA will pay March invoices, which must be received by USDA by 12 Apr 2019.

The Coast Guard and Navy CYP's goal is to achieve a seamless transition, however there may be a short gap in subsidy payments as Navy CYP establishes operations, staffing and processes. We are working diligently to develop alternatives to eliminate or mitigate any impact to families with child care subsidy costs, and CGMA is standing by to assist. Further details on these efforts will be forthcoming in future communications as soon as we have solutions in place.

We are sending e-mails directly to families impacted by this change and to child care providers that serve Coast Guard members, in addition to communications via the CMC network. It is in the best interest of members to also contact their child care provider to ensure full transparency of the upcoming change and to ensure prompt submission of the March invoice.

New Child Care Subsidy application procedures through Navy CYP will be announced to the workforce in future communications. When fully operational, Navy CYP will pay invoices in a manner similar as USDA.

ALCOAST 081/19 provides additional information. I ask for your assistance in ensuring unit and member awareness to help prepare our families for this change, and encourage patience as we work diligently to mitigate or eliminate any impacts to Coast Guard families who receive this important subsidy.

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