

Categories of Special Needs and Assignment Locations

Category	Type of medical, physical, psychological condition and/or educational ⁽¹⁾ condition	Access To Services	Assignment Location
1	Medical, physical, psychological condition is readily treatable, such as mild hypertension, seasonal allergies OR uncomplicated educational needs.	No limitation.	No limitation.
2	Condition is generally minor and treatable, such as mild migraines, eczema, stable ADHD, and uncomplicated educational needs.	Geographical locations with access to a USCG defined Major Medical area ⁽²⁾ within 100 miles or 2 hours drive from assigned duty station ⁽³⁾ .	Contact Family Resource Specialist (FRS) ⁽⁴⁾ .
3	Condition requires increased attention, such as moderate disabilities, diabetes, asthma, most behavioral, and specialized educational needs.	Geographical locations with access to a USCG defined Major Medical Area within 50 miles or 1-hour drive from assigned duty station.	Contact FRS.
4	Condition requires significant attention, such as severe lupus, cerebral palsy, chronic heart disease, major depression, and complex educational needs.	Geographical locations with access to a USCG defined Major Medical Area within 25 miles or 30-minute drive from assigned duty station.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alameda/San Francisco, CA (AREA, District, SECTOR, Base, Air Sta, Cutters, ANT, Station, MSST, Others) • Anchorage, AK (successful overseas screening and entry approval required) • Baltimore, MD • Boston, MA (District, Sector, Cutters, Base, Station, ANT) • Buffalo, NY • Charleston, SC (SECTOR, ANT, STATION, Cutters, Other) • Chicago, IL • Clearwater, FL • Cleveland, OH • Colorado Springs, CO • Detroit, MI • Honolulu, HI (District, Base, SECTOR, Air Sta, Cutters, Station, ANT, MSST, Others) • Houston-Galveston, TX (Air Sta, Cutters ANT, Station, SECTOR, SFO) • Jacksonville, FL (SECTOR, Air Sta, Cutters, Station, ANT, MSST, Other) • LA/LB (Air Sta, Base, Cutters, SECTOR, MSST, Station, ANT, Others) • Louisville, KY (some restrictions apply, contact FRS)

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4 (Cont'd)			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Miami, FL (Air Sta, SECTOR, Base, District, ANT, Station, MSST, Others) • Mobile, AL (Air Sta, SECTOR, Cutters, ANT, Station) (some restrictions apply, contact FRS) • New Orleans, LA (Air Sta, SECTOR, District, ANT, Station, BASE, Cutters, MSST) • NYC (Sector, Cutters, Station, ANT, MSST, Others) • Philadelphia, PA • Portland, OR • Portsmouth/Norfolk/Yorktown, VA (TRACEN, Station, ANT, Cutters, Base, District, AREA, Others) • Sacramento, CA • San Diego, CA (SECTOR, MSST, Air Sta, Cutters, ANT, Station, Others) • Seattle, WA (District, Base, SECTOR, Cutters, Station, ANT, MSST, Others) • St. Louis, MO • Washington, DC (HQ, Station, Air Sta, Others)
5	Condition requires constant, high-level attention, such as multiple disabilities, complicated cancer cases, severe cases of autism, and multiple, complex educational needs.	Geographical locations with access to a USCG defined Major Medical Area within 25 miles or 30-minute drive from assigned duty station.	Same as category 4.
T	Temporary enrollment in the Special Needs program for 6-12 months with respect to his/her dependent family member's condition.		No limitation. Consider Humanitarian Assignments Policy if member needs to remain in current location during the temporary period.

⁽¹⁾ Educational needs without the presence of a medical, physical, and/or psychological condition yield a Category I classification. Education needs with the presence of medical, physical, and/or psychological condition yields a Category II or higher classification. All educational special needs within the United States shall be met, in compliance with The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1975, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1974, and The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990.

⁽²⁾ Major Medical Area. Any area served by medical departments of the armed services or civilian medical treatment facilities (with inpatient, outpatient, and pediatric care services) which have physicians capable of treating/monitoring family members with acute/chronic/severe medical, psychological, and/or physical special needs. Medical services are assessed by HSWL personnel based on the availability of TRICARE network providers.

⁽³⁾ Distances are calculated using the Defense Table of Official Distances (DTOD) at <https://dtod.sddc.army.mil>.

⁽⁴⁾ AD members assigned category 2 or 3 rating may be eligible for Alaska or other OCONUS assignments if it is determined by the HSWL staff that services for the family members are available and meeting the health care related travel restrictions. Additionally, the families must successfully undergo overseas screening and entry approval process.