**EARLY RETURN OF DEPENDENTS PROGRAM**

**Reference:** (a) Joint Travel Regulations, JTR 050804

 (b) CG Military Assignments and Authorized Absences, COMDTINST M1000.8A

(c) CG Pay Manual, COMDTINST M7220.29C

**Purpose**: To review member and/or command-sponsored dependent’s request for early return to CONUS/non-foreign OCONUS area before the member’s PCS under circumstances listed in JTR 050804.

**Procedures:**

1. Personnel should refer to reference (a) for guidance and information pertaining to their circumstances before submitting Coast Guard Form CG-2026, OCONUS Early Return of Dependents (ERD) Request for funding.
2. CG-2026 is completed by member and submitted thru their Chain of Command.
3. Command reviews/endorses CG-2026 and ensures it’s completed in its entirety.
4. Forward via scan/e-mail to HQS-SMB-CGPSC-PSDFS-TVLANDTRANS@uscg.mil
5. Recommendation from CG Work Life is required with submission.
6. In each case below, it must be shown that dependent travel is in the Government’s best interest and it must be determined that the problem/situation occurred after arrival at the OCONUS PDS and local resources cannot resolve the problem.

**Reasons for making a request as listed in JTR are as follows:**

1. Disciplinary action taken against the member

2. Essential medical treatment is neither available at the member's PDS nor readily
 available in the theater

3. Reasons such as financial difficulties, marital difficulties, unforeseen family problems

4. Death or serious illness of a close relative

5. Situations which have an adverse effect on the member's performance of duty

6. Lack of acceptable employment opportunities for a dependent child 18 years or older

7. Divorce or Annulment

8. Inadequate educational and/or housing facilities

**Additional Information**: The OCONUS Early Return of Dependents Request for funding (CG-2026) also serves as the member's request for Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) on their dependent's new residence location. PSD-PSC-FS will issue a BAH protection memo.