

## INFORMATION PAPER

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SUBJECT: The Transitional Compensation Program

1. Purpose: To provide background information concerning the provision of monetary and other benefits to abused dependents of Soldiers.

2. Facts:

a. Congress established the Transitional Compensation (TC) Program for abused dependents of military personnel in the FY94, DoD Authorization Act (P.L. 103-160) in order to reduce victim disincentives to reporting abuse. The legislation authorized temporary payments, at the rate specified for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), for Families in which the absent Soldier has been discharged administratively or by court-martial for a dependent-abuse offense.

b. Benefit entitlement starts the date the administrative separation is initiated or the court-martial sentence is adjudged. Payments are for a minimum of 12 months or until the Soldier's ETS date, whichever is longer, but may not exceed a maximum of 36 months. The current monthly DIC rate is \$1,154.00 for a spouse and \$286.00 for each dependent child.

c. Family members are entitled to monthly payments, ID cards, medical care as TRICARE beneficiaries, dental care in facilities of the Uniformed Services on a space available basis, and commissary and exchange privileges during the period of entitlement to TC.

d. The Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command (FMWRC) assumed proponency for TC and began authorizing payments in August 1995 in accordance with Department of Defense Instruction (DoDI) 1342.24, TC for Abused Dependents.

e. Army regulatory guidance can be located in AR 608-1 (19 September 2007).

f. At the installations, Staff Judge Advocate (SJA) and ACS Family Advocacy Program staff collaborate to provide information on eligibility and assistance to victims of dependent-abuse. Applications are forwarded to FMWRC for legal and administrative review, and approval of compensation and benefits.

g. In FY08, the Army processed 85 new cases. The total amount disbursed for all TC cases was \$3.7M with an average monthly entitlement of \$1,694.00.

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