

## § 792.101

- 792.231 Can these funds be used for children of Federal employees who are already enrolled in child care?
- 792.232 Can we place special restrictions or requirements on the use of these funds, and can we restrict the disbursement of such funds to only one type of child care or to one location?
- 792.233 May we use the funds to improve the physical space of the family child care homes or child care centers?
- 792.234 For how long is the law effective?
- 792.235 Who will oversee the disbursement and use of these funds?

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### Subpart A—Regulatory Requirements for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Programs and Services for Federal Civilian Employees

#### § 792.101 Statutory requirements.

Sections 290dd-1 and 290ee-1 of 42 United States Code, provide that the Office of Personnel Management shall be responsible for developing and maintaining, in cooperation with the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, and with other Federal departments and agencies, appropriate prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation programs and services for Federal civilian employees with alcohol and/or drug problems. To the extent feasible, agencies are encouraged to extend services to families of alcohol and/or drug abusing employees and to employees who have family members who have alcohol and/or drug problems. Such programs and services shall make optimal use of existing government facilities, services, and skills.

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#### § 792.102 General.

It is the policy of the Federal Government to offer appropriate prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation programs and services for Federal civilian employees with alcohol and/or drug problems. Short-term counseling

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and/or referral, or offers thereof, shall constitute the appropriate prevention, treatment, and rehabilitation programs and services for alcohol abuse, alcoholism, and/or drug abuse required under 42 U.S.C. 290dd-1(a) and 290ee-1(a). Federal departments and agencies must establish programs to assist employees with these problems in accordance with the legislation cited in § 792.101.

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#### § 792.103 Coverage.

This part applies to all positions in Executive agencies as defined in section 105 of title 5 of the United States Code, and to those positions in the legislative and judicial branch of the Federal Government which are in the competitive service.

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#### § 792.104 Responsibilities of the Office of Personnel Management.

OPM shall provide overall leadership for the Government-wide alcoholism and drug abuse program in cooperation with the Secretary of Health and Human Services. To accomplish this, OPM shall develop and issue policy and program guidance, provide technical assistance to agencies, and determine the overall effectiveness of the Government-wide program, as well as those programs at individual agencies, based on program information required of agencies.

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#### § 792.105 Agency responsibilities.

(a) Agencies shall establish and administer programs through which practitioners who are knowledgeable in counseling and referral services can offer and provide employees who have alcohol and/or drug problems short-term counseling and/or referrals for long-term counseling or treatment.

(b) Agencies shall issue internal instructions implementing the requirements of 42 U.S.C. 290dd-1(a) and 290ee-1(a) and this regulation.

(c) Whenever a manager/supervisor becomes aware that a Federal employee's use of alcohol and/or drugs may be

contributing to a performance or conduct deficiency, the manager/supervisor shall recommend counseling and refer the employee to the agency counseling program. If an employee fails to participate in any rehabilitative program or, having participated, the employee fails to bring conduct or performance up to satisfactory level, the agency shall evaluate the employee accordingly and initiate an appropriate performance-based or adverse action.

(d) As requested, agencies shall annually submit a report to OPM on their counseling activities for the past fiscal year at a time, and in a manner, set by OPM.

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### **Subpart B—Agency Use of Appropriated Funds for Child Care Costs for Lower Income Employees—What Is the New Child Care Legislation and to Whom Does It Apply?**

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#### **§ 792.200 To whom do “we,” “you,” and their variants apply?**

Use of pronouns, “we,” “you,” and their variants throughout this part refers to the agency. OPM is always referred to as “OPM”.

#### **§ 792.201 What does the new law permit?**

Public Law 106–58 (113 Stat. 477) permits agencies to use appropriated funds, including revolving funds, that are otherwise available to the agency for salaries, to improve the affordability of child care for lower income Federal employees. Employees can benefit from reduced tuition rates at Federal child care centers, non-Federal child care centers, and in family child care homes.

#### **§ 792.202 What is the purpose of the new law?**

The law is intended to make child care more affordable for lower income Federal employees through the use of agency appropriated funds.

#### **§ 792.203 Should we notify anyone of our intention to initiate a program and when can the obligation be made?**

Yes, you must provide notice to the House Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service and General Government and to the Senate Subcommittee on Treasury and General Government and to your appropriations subcommittees prior to the obligation of funds. This is a Congressional notification requirement. You must also notify OPM of your intention. Funds can be obligated immediately after notifications have occurred.

#### **§ 792.204 Are there sample memoranda and other documents available to assist us with this process?**

Yes, OPM will provide you with guidance that contains sample memoranda of understanding, sample marketing tools, sample tuition assistance applications, and models for determining tuition assistance eligibility. These materials can be found in “Guide for Implementing Child Care Legislation—Pub. L. 106–58, Sec. 643.” The Guide is available on OPM’s website, <http://www.opm.gov/wrkfam>. You may also obtain a copy by writing to OPM at: U.S. Office of Personnel Management, Family-Friendly Workplace Advocacy Office, 1900 E Street, NW., Room 7315, Washington, DC 20415.

#### **§ 792.205 Are there additional materials necessary for the implementation of this process and are there any special reporting and oversight requirements related to this law?**

Yes, you are responsible for tracking the utilization of your funds and reporting the results to OPM. OPM will provide you with a mandatory reporting form. OPM is required to provide a report to the appropriations committees no later than September 1, 2000. Therefore, you are required to report your results to OPM no later than August 1, 2000. OPM will provide you with guidance on this subpart.

#### **§ 792.206 What are the benefits to an agency of providing such assistance to its lower income employees?**

There are several benefits for the agencies beginning with improved recruitment and retention. Cost savings