

**Coast Guard, DHS**

**§ 55.13**

authorized for the pay grade of military personnel, whether the allowance is received in cash or in-kind. Total Family Income does not include: the geographic cost of living allowance; alimony and child support; temporary duty allowances or reimbursements for educational expenses; veterans benefits; workers compensation benefits; and, unemployment compensation. These are to be excluded from total family income.

*Uneconomical and inefficient* means that the fees collected from parents can not be used in a manner that provides a quality program at an affordable cost to parents using the child care services.

**§ 55.9 Child development centers.**

(a) The Commandant may make child development services available at child development centers located at Coast Guard installations.

(b) Regular and unannounced inspections of each child development center shall be conducted annually by headquarters program personnel, the commanding officer of the sponsoring command, fire personnel, and health and safety personnel.

(c) Training programs shall be conducted monthly to ensure that all child development center employees complete a minimum of 20 hours of training annually with respect to early childhood development, activities and disciplinary techniques appropriate to children of different ages, child abuse prevention and detection, and appropriate emergency medical procedures.

**§ 55.11 How are child development center fees established?**

(a) Fees for the provision of services at child development centers shall be set by each Command with responsibility for a center-based program, according to the following total family income chart:

TOTAL FAMILY INCOME	
\$0 to \$23,000	
\$23,001 to \$34,000	
\$34,001 to \$44,000	
\$44,001 to \$55,000	
Over \$55,000	

(b) Fees for the provision of services at Coast Guard child development centers shall be used only for compensation for employees at those centers who are directly involved in providing child care, unless it is uneconomical and inefficient. If uneconomical and inefficient, then the fees may be used for:

(1) The purchase of consumable or disposable items for Coast Guard child development centers; and

(2) If the requirements of such centers for consumable or disposable items for a given fiscal year have been met, for other expenses of those centers.

**§ 55.13 Family child care providers.**

When appropriated funds are available, funds may be offered to provide assistance to Coast Guard Family Child Care Providers or to family home day care providers so that family child care services can be provided to military members and civilian employees of the Coast Guard, at a cost comparable to the cost of services at Coast Guard child development centers.