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8. Layette Program

The Coast Guard Mutual Assistance Layette Program is designed to provide support to certain clients and their families following the birth or adoption of a child.

Coast Guard Mutual Assistance will provide a layette package directly to the families of junior members of the Coast Guard community who meet the eligibility criteria indicated below.

Arrangements have also been made for a layette package to be provided to Coast Guard active duty personnel attending an Air Force Aid Society's (AFAS) "Bundles for Babies" class or a Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society's (NMCRS) "Budgeting for Babies" class.

a. General

The layette package (containing a receiving blanket, accessories and other items for a newborn child) is a gift from Coast Guard Mutual Assistance. In the case of multiple births (or adoptions) a layette package will be provided for each child.

Layettes will be provided on a first come, first serve basis, limited to annual funding levels.

A client may receive a layette from CGMA, AFAS or NMCRS, but not from more than one source. (Clients eligible to receive a layette from more than one source must choose which layette they would like to receive.) If a client erroneously receives a layette that they are not entitled to, they will be expected to reimburse CGMA for the cost of the layette received in error, regardless if the client, AFAS, NMCRS, or CGMA is the cause of the error.

Requests for a layette package must be received and processed within six months following the birth or adoption of the child or children.

b. Eligibility

CGMA Layette: Military members in pay grade O-1 and pay grades E-6 and below; and civilian employees GS-9 and below, WG-11 and below, and NAF-2 and below are eligible to receive a layette directly from CGMA under this program.

AFAS or NMCRS Layette: Active Duty members of any rank may receive a layette by attending an Air Force Aid Society (AFAS) "Bundles for Babies" class or a Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS) "Budgeting for Babies" class.