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SUMMARY OF MAJOR CHANGES

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CHAPTER 33**PAYMENTS ON BEHALF OF MENTALLY INCOMPETENT MEMBERS**

3301 GENERAL

330101. Purpose

This chapter establishes policy for members entitled to active duty pay and allowances while serving on active duty even though mentally incapable of managing their own affairs. This includes miscellaneous payments authorized on separation from the Military Service. See Chapter 35, section 3507.

330102. Authoritative Guidance

[The authoritative references are listed at the end of this chapter.](#)

3302 PAYMENT

The appointment of a guardian, trustee, or other legal representative is a prerequisite to payment. For the designation of trustee and payment offices, see Table 33-1.

3303 MEMBER MENTALLY INCOMPETENT BEFORE ENTRY ON ACTIVE DUTY

When it is shown that a member was judicially declared mentally incompetent before induction or enlistment, the member is not entitled to pay and allowances. See Chapter 1, paragraph 010505, and Table 1-15, rule 8.

3304 FINALITY OF PAYMENTS TO TRUSTEE

Any payments on behalf of a mentally incompetent member to a designated trustee(s) are a complete discharge of the obligation of the United States as to amounts paid.

3305 RESTRICTION AGAINST ACCEPTANCE OF FEES

A person serving in a legal, medical, fiduciary, or other capacity may not demand or accept a fee, commission, or other charge (except bonding fee) for any service performed in administration of a mentally incompetent member account.

Table 33-1. Payment of Mentally Incompetent Members

R U L E	A	B	C	D
	When	and member is in the	then the trustee is	and payment is made by
1	a court of competent jurisdiction has not appointed a guardian, committee, or other legal representative	Army or Air Force	designated by the Director, Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) - Cleveland	DFAS-Indianapolis.
2		Navy or Marine Corps		DFAS-Cleveland.
3	a court of competent jurisdiction has appointed a guardian, committee, or other legal representative	Army, Air Force Navy, or Marine Corps	not required	the appropriate office shown in rules 1 or 2, except as indicated in the note.

NOTE: Army Only: Local disbursing officer servicing the member's financial record may make payments.

*REFERENCES

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3301 - GENERAL

Title 37, United States Code, sections 601-604

Table 33-1

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January 29, 1991

Comptroller of the Department of Defense Memo,
February 1, 1991

DFAS Memo, August 26, 2010

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