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## **New Group life insurance plan becomes available**

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Spouses and dependents of qualified service members currently enrolled in SGLI (Service Members Group Life Insurance) were automatically enrolled in the Family Service Members' Group Life Insurance (FSGLI) on Nov. 1, 2001.

Children are automatically covered for \$10,000 at no cost to the member. Spouse coverage will be based on their ages and the level of the member's coverage up to \$100,000, but cannot exceed the member's amount of coverage. For example, if the service member has \$100,000 or more coverage on him or herself, then the spouse will be automatically covered for \$100,000 and the applicable premium rate deducted from the service member's military pay account. However, if the service member has \$80,000 coverage on him or herself, then the spouse will automatically be enrolled for \$80,000 coverage, and the applicable premium rate deducted from the member's account.

There is a 60-day grace period, Nov. 1 through Dec. 31, 2001, during which time the service member can decline or reduce coverage. If they elect to reduce coverage or decline coverage, they will receive an appropriate refund. The service member must go to their personnel office and submit form SGLI 8286A to decline or reduce coverage. If a form was not received to decline coverage prior to November 1, premium deductions became effective on Nov. 1, 2001.

Premiums deducted for November and December will be refunded if the service member elects to decline or reduce coverage on or before December 31. Declinations or reductions in the amount of coverage made after Dec. 31, 2001 will be effective the first of the following month. Until permanent processing is implemented, deductions will be made from active duty members' military pay accounts as allotments, and as miscellaneous debt collections for Reservists.

For premium rates and more information about this new insurance program, visit the Veterans Administration web site at <http://www.insurance.va.gov/>.

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