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VA AID AND ATTENDANCE BENEFITS

Qualification for Non-Service Connection Aid & Attendance

"The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional as to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their country."

-George Washington, 1789

Veteran, Widowed Spouse or Disabled Adult Child (Any May be a Claimant)

- Veteran must have served at least ninety (90) consecutive days on Active Duty; one (1) day of which must have been during a War Time period.
- Veteran must have had other than a Dishonorable Discharge.
- Claimant's Physician must declare him/her as housebound and in need of assistance from another individual, which may include services offered by Home Health Care, Assisted Living, or Nursing Home Care.
- Married Veteran claimant must have insufficient assets, not including home, car and personal belongings.
- Must meet income requirements.
- Widowed spouse must have been married to the Veteran at the time of the Veteran's death or have had children by the Veteran and never remarried. (Minor or disabled children may qualify for benefits on their own.)
- Widowed spouse must have been living with the Veteran at the time of the Veteran's death, unless the separation was due to Medical or Military Reasons. (There may be some exceptions related to separations due to abuse.)

2019 Maximum Pension Rates for Aid and Attendance

- Single Veteran - \$1,881 Per Month /\$22,577 Per Year
- Married Veteran - \$2,230 Per Month /\$26,766 Per Year
- Widowed Spouse - \$1,209 Per Month /\$14,509 Per Year
- Veteran Married to Veteran (Both AA) - \$2,984 Per Month/\$35,813 Per Year

Once awarded Aid and Attendance, a Veteran may obtain free Medications, Medical Equipment, Incontinence Supplies, Glasses, and Hearing Aides from the VA Hospital/Clinic via U.S. Mail without going to the VA.

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