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VA HEALTH CARE ELIGIBILITY & ENROLLMENT

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1151 Benefits

VA awarded monthly compensation benefits for disability or death incurred as the result of VA hospital care, medical or surgical treatment or examination, but only if the disability or death was proximately caused by negligence or an unforeseen event.

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Access

Access is the veteran's ability to obtain medical care at his/her desired location. The ease of access is determined by components, such as availability of health care services, location of health care facilities, transportation, hours of operation, and cost-effective delivery of health care. Efforts to improve access often focus on improving efficiency of health care delivery processes.

Adjunct Condition

An adjunct condition, for medical treatment purposes, is a non service-connected condition that may be associated with and held to be aggravating an adjudicated service-connected condition. VA bills health insurance plans for treatment of an adjunct condition and as applicable, may charge a copay for treatment of the adjunct condition.

Adult Day Health Care

Adult Day Health Care is a therapeutic day care program, provides medical and rehabilitation services to disabled veterans in a congregate setting.

Aid and Attendance (A&A)

A VA compensation or pension benefit awarded to a veteran determined to be in need of the regular aid and attendance of another person to perform basic functions of everyday life. A veteran may qualify for aid and attendance benefits if he or she:

- Is blind or so nearly blind as to have corrected visual acuity of 5/200 or less, in both eyes, or concentric contraction of the visual field to 5 degrees or less; or
- Is a patient in a nursing home because of mental or physical incapacity; or
- Proves a need for aid and attendance under established criteria

Allowable Deductions

Allowable deductions are those payments made by veterans for certain nonreimbursed medical expenses, funeral and burial expenses and educational expenses. Veterans are able to exclude allowable deductions from their total gross household income in determining their eligibility for VA health care benefits.

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Regular Filipino Scouts

The Filipino Scouts were guerilla forces considered part of the Commonwealth Army of the Philippines. They were organized under commanders appointed, designated, or later recognized by the U.S. Army.

Respite care

Respite care gives the caregiver of a veteran a planned period of relief from the physical and emotional demands associated with providing care.

Restore Health

The process of improving a veteran's quality of life or daily function level that has been lost due to illness or injury.

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A secondary condition, for medical treatment purposes, may be the result of an adjudicated service-connected condition. Veterans are encouraged to file compensation claims for non-rated secondary conditions. Non-rated secondary conditions are billable as a non service-connected condition.

NOTE: If awarded service-connection for the secondary condition, VA may reimburse all copays related to such service-connection retroactive to the date of the original claim filing.

Service-connected

Generally a service-connected disability is a disability that VA determines was incurred or aggravated while on active duty in the military and in the line of duty. A service-connected rating is an official ruling by VA that your illness/condition is directly related to your active military service. Service-connected ratings are established by VA Regional Offices located throughout the country.

Service-Connected Veteran

A veteran who has an illness or injury incurred in or aggravated by military service as determined by VA.

Sexual Trauma

Sexual Harassment, Sexual Assault, Rape and other acts of violence. Repeated unsolicited, verbal or physical contact of a sexual nature, which is threatening in nature.

Southwest Asia

An area of land located in the southwestern part of Asia to include the Persian Gulf, Red Sea, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Aden, the portion of the Arabian Sea that lies north of 10 degrees North latitude and west of 68 degrees East longitude, as well as the total land areas of Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Bahrain, Qatar, and the United Arab Emirates.

Special (New) Philippine Scouts

The term "New Philippine Scouts" refers to non-commissioned Philippine Scouts who—

- Enlisted on or after October 5, 1945
- Served under Section 14 of the U.S. Armed Forces Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945, **AND**
- Was discharged from this period of service under conditions other than dishonorable

State Veterans Homes

The eligibility for State Veterans Homes varies from state to state. But typically veterans and sometimes their

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spouse, can be admitted to a State Veterans Home. The costs of living in a State Veterans Home are usually paid by Medicaid, long term care insurance, and private funds. VA pays a modest share of the cost for each veteran living in a State Veterans Home. You can find information on the State Veterans Home(s) for your state by looking in the state government pages of the telephone book. VA social workers at the [VA medical center](#) where you're being treated can also provide information about State Veterans Homes.

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Urgent Care

Services received for an unexpected illness or injury that is not life threatening but requires immediate outpatient medical care that cannot be postponed. An urgent situation requires prompt medical attention to avoid complications and unnecessary suffering or severe pain, such as a high fever.

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VA Form 10-10EZ, Application for Health Benefits

The VA form completed by veterans to apply for VA health care benefits. The form includes demographic, military, insurance and financial information

VA Form 10-10EZR, Health Benefits Renewal

The VA Form used by veterans to submit their updated personal, insurance and financial information to VA.

Veteran

The term 'Veteran' means a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable.

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