



Can I really get up to \$2,169 per month to help with the costs of long term care?



GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR AID AND ATTENDANCE BENEFITS FOR A VETERAN OR THEIR SPOUSE

- The Veteran cannot have received a Dishonorable Discharge.
- The Veteran must have served at least 90 days on Active Duty with one day or more during a “Qualified War Period.” However, as of 09-07-1980, the Veteran must have served at least 24 months on Active Duty with one day during a “Qualified War Period.” The eligible dates are:
 - WWI 04/16/1917 - 11/11/1918
 - WWII 12/07/1941 - 12/31/1946
 - Korea 06/27/1950 - 01/31/1955
 - Vietnam 08/05/1964 - 05/07/1975 (start date for those in-country 02/28/1961)
 - Gulf/Iraq 08/02/1990 - present
- Claimant’s Net Worth is evaluated for eligibility purposes and equals All countable assets + (Annual gross income - Allowable net unreimbursed medical expenses). If Net Worth exceeds \$123,600, the Claimant is not eligible.
- Widowed Spouse must have been married to the Veteran for at least one year and living with the Veteran at the time of the Veteran’s death or separated only for medical reasons, such as a nursing home.
- Claimant’s physician must verify that Claimant is in need of assistance from another individual, which may include services offered by Independent Living Facilities, Assisted Living, Skilled Care Facilities or paid care received in your home.
- Claimant will be allowed to have some exempt assets that do not count towards Net Worth, such as primary residence, a car and personal belongings. In the case of a married Veteran, the net worth of both husband and wife are counted. The VA no longer considers the Claimant’s life expectancy in determining Net Worth.
 - *Claimants with Net Worth in excess of \$123,600 or who have transferred non-exempt assets on or after October 18, 2018 should consult with an elder law attorney. Transfers of certain assets create a three year look-back period and may create a penalty.*

Maximum Pension Rates for Aid and Attendance

- Single Veteran **\$1,830.00 Per Month**
- Married Veteran **\$2,169.00 Per Month**
- Widowed Spouse **\$1,176.00 Per Month**
- Veteran Married to Veteran **\$2,903.00 Per Month**

Also, once awarded Aid and Attendance or Housebound Status, a Veteran may obtain free medications, and other medically necessary care and supplies through the VA Health Care System.

Beck Estate Planning & Elder Law, LLC is proud to help inform Veterans and their families about benefits to which they may be entitled as a result of that Veteran’s sacrifice. Thank you for service for our country and allowing us to be of service to your family.

*** Each VA claim is unique and the above criteria are generic and should not be taken as a guarantee of eligibility. Only by examining a family’s specific facts can it be determined if they should qualify.

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AID & ATTENDANCE APPLICATIONS COMMON FACT PATTERNS FOR FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY

(Assumes Claimant meets all other qualifications)

Claimant #1 owns a house on 2 acres or less, a car and \$123,600 or less in other assets. Income is less than monthly medical expense.

RESULT: Claimant will qualify for Aid & Attendance.

Note: Once qualified, all assets should be taken out of the Claimant's name. See an experienced elder law attorney for guidance.

Claimant #2 has the same situation as Claimant #1, with the exception that #2 has \$400,000 in other assets.

RESULT: Any transfers of assets in excess of \$123,600 may incur a three year look back period.

Note: Claimant should see an experienced elder law attorney for guidance on his/her specific situation.

In general, when assets are high, one of the following scenarios should apply:

1. Keep up to \$123,600 and use Resident Trust and Investment Trust for remaining balance

OR

2. Transfer all the assets if likely to live 5+ years

Note: Always use Publication 502 for medical expense deductions.

**Beck Estate Planning & Elder Law has successfully submitted
over 1,500 Aid & Attendance applications.**

We are an Accredited Attorney law firm with the Department of Veteran Affairs.

**If you need assistance in qualifying for the Aid & Attendance pension,
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