

War-time veterans and their surviving spouses, could be eligible for a tax free benefit to help pay for the cost of home health care, assisted living community or nursing home costs.

Qualification Requirements

Veteran must have served one day during wartime with 90 days active duty. Have an honorable or general discharge

TOTAL MONTHLY BENEFITS

Single Veteran: \$2,358 per month Married Veteran: \$2,795 per month

Spouse of a Living Veteran: \$1,851 per month

Dual Veterans (Husband and Wife): \$3,740 per month Surviving Spouse of a Veteran: \$1,515 per month

This benefit is "tax-free" and does not effect Social Security benefits

PERIOD OF WAR

World War II: December 7,1941 through December 31, 1946 Korean Conflict: June 27, 1950 through January 31, 1955

Vietnam War: August 5, 1964 through May 7, 1975 or November 1, 1955, for those

who served in the Republic of Vietnam.

Gulf Conflict: August 2, 1990, through a future date set by law or presidential proclamation.

MEDICAL QUALIFICATIONS

To qualify medically, qualified claimants must have the need of the assistance of another individual with at least 2 activities of daily living (ADL's). ADL's include bathing, dressing, eating, toileting, transferring, and ambulating. In addition, the VA now recognizes medication management along with instrumental activities of daily living (IADLs).

BRIGHT-LINE NET WORTH LIMIT

The Veteran Administration uses a "Bright-line Net Worth Limit" that gives the claimant a fairly straight-forward way to determine the total amount of assets a claimant can have and still qualify for Veteran's Pension program. The Veteran's Pension Bright line-limit (VPBL), for 2025 is \$159,240. This is the amount of total assets you can have in your name not including your home or any vehicles.

ASSET TRANSFER PENALTY

Currently, there is a 3 year look-back for transferring assets for less than "Fair Market" value or for gifting assets, which will create a penalty period based on the amount that was transferred over the VPBL amount. Please note that the word "penalty" does not mean illegal. There are a number of qualification strategies that will allow you to qualify for benefits now. Call us to discuss your case today.

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