

## VA AID and Attendance Pension

Are you a Veteran? If so, you may qualify for the Aid and Attendance Pension that can help you get qualified home care. Our qualified staff can help you take the necessary steps to complete the required paperwork so you can start receiving the benefits you deserve as Veteran. We at Compassionate Healthcare love to serve our Veterans and are a proud partner in the VetAssit program.

### Do You Meet the “3-Ms” to Qualify?

To qualify, a veteran or surviving spouse will need to meet the following criteria:

- 1) Military:** Are you a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran who served at least 90 days on active duty, at least one day during wartime\*, with an honorable discharge? (Persian Gulf War veterans must have two years of active duty.)
- 2) Medical:** Do you have a non-service connected medical condition causing you to need assistance with activities of daily living?
- 3) Money:** Do you have limited income and assets? (Your home and car are exempt.)

### Did you serve during one of the VA Defined War Periods\*?

- **World War II:** December 7, 1941-December 31, 1946
- **Korean Conflict:** June 27, 1950-January 31, 1955
- **Vietnam Era:** August 5, 1964-May 7, 1975 . Veterans who served February 28, 1961-August 5, 1964, must have served “in country” (Vietnam).
- **Persian Gulf War:** August 2, 1990- date to be prescribed by Presidential Proclamation or law. Must have served active duty for two years.

## Veterans Who Do Not Qualify for VA Compensation May Qualify for the Aid and Attendance Pension Program

There is a little-known **VA Pension** program that helps veterans and their families cope with financial challenges by providing supplemental income. When the veteran needs the “aid and attendance” of another for activities of daily living, the pension is increased with an additional “**Aid and Attendance**” amount. One day of service during wartime is necessary for the Pension program, but the veteran does not need to have served in combat or overseas. Unlike the VA’s Compensation program, veterans do not need to have a disability connected to their military service to be eligible for the VA Pension with Aid and Attendance.

### What are Activities of Daily Living?

Activities of daily living (ADLs) are routine self-care activities that people tend to do every day without needing assistance. There are six basic ADLs: eating, bathing, dressing, continence (using the toilet), mobility (transferring, walking), and grooming.

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