



Veterans Aid and Attendance Pension Benefit

Veterans Affairs offers an Aid and Attendance pension benefit to qualified veterans and their spouses or widows who need assistance with activities of daily living (bathing, dressing, meal preparation, medication management.) This pension can be applied at any of ElderWood's assisted living residences.

BENEFITS:

- ◆ A veteran is eligible for up to \$1,644 per month.
- ◆ Spouse or widow is eligible for up to \$1,056 per month.
- ◆ Married couples are eligible for up to \$1,949 per month.
- ◆ Medicaid recipients are eligible for up to \$90 per month.
- ◆ Monthly benefit continues as long as individual resides at the facility.
- ◆ Benefit is paid directly to resident and can be direct deposited.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- ◆ Veteran must have served in the military – but not necessarily fought – for a minimum of 90 days with one day during a declared wartime.
- ◆ Liquid assets cannot exceed \$80,000, excluding home and vehicle.
- ◆ Monthly income, after deducting the cost of all medical expenses, must be less than \$1,644 for the veteran, \$1,056 for the spouse or widow, or \$1,949 for both veteran and spouse.

NOTE: Care at ElderWood assisted living residences is considered a medical expense.

- ◆ This is a federal program, so there is no residency requirement.



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APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

You will need the following information to file the claim:

- ◆ DD214 or Honorable Discharge
- ◆ List of monthly medical expenses
- ◆ List of all income – copies of SSA, pension statements, bank statements
- ◆ List of all assets
- ◆ Copy of marriage certificate
- ◆ Copy of death certificate if surviving spouse is applying

Application approval can take up to six months, but benefits are retroactive to the date the claim was filed.

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