

VA Non-Institutional Care Programs

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- Home Based Primary Care (HBPC)
- Caregivers Support Program
- Adult Daycare
- Homemaker and Home Health Aid Care (HHA)
- Hospice and Palliative Care
- In-Home and Inpatient Respite
- Purchased Skilled Home Health Care

VA Caregiver Support



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CAREGIVER SUPPORT PROGRAM

- Purpose: provide support to Caregivers of Veterans who meet criteria as outlined by Veterans and Caregivers Omnibus Health Care Services Act of 2010.
- Caregiver Definition: someone who provides care for the Veteran such as assistance with activities of daily living, providing supervision/protection, &/or support to enable Veteran to remain in the home.
- Caregiver: could be a spouse, significant other, adult child, parent, family member or a friend.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

CAREGIVERS OF VETERANS OF ALL ERAS – GENERAL PROGRAM

May be eligible if Veteran:

- is unable to perform activities of daily living
- needs care based on any impairment

CAREGIVERS OF VETERANS OF POST 9/11 – COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM

May be eligible if Veteran:

- suffered or aggravated a serious injury in the line of duty, on or after September 11, 2001
- requires the need for personal care services for a minimum of 6 months based on a clinical determination
- agrees to receiving ongoing care at home

OVERVIEW OF SERVICES

CAREGIVERS OF VETERANS OF ALL ERAS – GENERAL PROGRAM

- Access to VA Caregiver Support Line
- Up to 30 days of respite care per year
- Education and training on caregiving

CAREGIVERS OF VETERANS OF POST 9/11 – COMPREHENSIVE PROGRAM

All of the services available to Veterans of all eras, with enhanced benefits:

- Caregiver stipend
- CHAMPVA healthcare coverage
- at least 30 days of respite care per year
- travel, lodging, and per diem as required during training and Veteran medical appointments

GENERAL CAREGIVER SUPPORT SERVICES

- A General Caregiver is someone who provides personal care services for a Veteran. This could include assistance with activities of daily living or providing supervision to ensure the safety of the Veteran.
- Caregiver does not need to be related to Veteran or live with them
- No formal application required

COMPREHENSIVE ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS

- Comprehensive assistance is provided to Caregivers of Veterans and service members who **incurred or aggravated a serious injury in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001.**
- Application (10-10CG) is required – it must be completed and signed by both Caregiver and Veteran
- [The law] recognizes that Post 9/11 Veterans and Service members return home with **serious injuries that often were fatal in the past.** These veterans present complex recovery and adjustment processes requiring **ongoing medical supervision.**
- Serious injury that requires a minimum of 6 months of hands-on/significant caregiving
- A service connected disability rating is required for serious injuries (does NOT have to be combat related) to be considered. Serious injury includes physical injuries as well as traumatic brain injury, psychological trauma, or other mental disorders
- **Nothing in the law shall be construed to create any entitlement** of any assistance or support provided, nor to create an employment relationship between VA and an individual in receipt of assistance or support, **VA does not intend that the stipend replace career earnings.**

COMPREHENSIVE ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILY CAREGIVERS

- Processing of application
 - Clinical Eligibility Assessment
 - Caregiver Assessment
 - Caregiver Training
 - Initial In-home assessment
- Quarterly visits by RN and Social Worker
- Annual reassessments for continued eligibility
- CSC works with Caregiver/Veteran to provide ongoing support
- Monthly support groups are offered as well as an annual Caregiver Support Month event in November