



## SCAADL

### Providing compensation to permanently and catastrophically ill or injured service members to support home delivery of non-medical caregiver assistance in lieu of institutionalized care

**SCAADL** is the **Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living** program, administered by the Department of Defense (DOD), which provides additional compensation to service members who need caregiver assistance for activities of daily living (ADLs) and/or supervision and protection. Permanent and catastrophically ill or injured service members and/or their designated representative can apply to the SCAADL program by submitting a DD Form 2948, "Application for SCAADL." Eligible service members and/or their designated representative should reach out to their primary care managers, care coordinators, or service Wounded Warrior Program staff to discuss SCAADL eligibility requirements, the application process, and any additional information they may need for receiving this special compensation.

#### ELIGIBILITY

A service member must meet all the following conditions to be eligible for SCAADL:

- Has incurred or aggravated a permanent catastrophic illness or injury in the line of duty;
- Needs assistance from another person to perform the personal functions required in everyday living or requires constant supervision;
- Has been certified by a DOD- or Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)-licensed physician to need assistance from another person to perform the personal functions required by everyday living and, in the absence of such assistance, would require hospitalization, nursing home care, or other residential institutional care; and
- Is an outpatient and has identified a designated primary caregiver.

#### COMPENSATION

The monthly compensation an eligible service member may receive is based on the service member's dependency level—how many hours of care are needed—grouped into one of three Tier levels as determined by a DOD- or VA-licensed physician:

- **Tier 1** - low level of dependency that requires at least 10 hours of caregiver services per week
- **Tier 2** - moderate level of dependency that requires at least 25 hours of caregiver services per week
- **Tier 3** - high level of dependency, requiring at least 40 hours (or full-time) caregiver services per week

The number of weekly hours of caregiver assistance as well as the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and General Schedule (GS) wage rates for a home-health aide in the Service member's geographic location determine the amount of compensation. For example, a Service member receiving a Tier 1 compensation level in Montgomery, Alabama may receive a different amount of monthly compensation than a service member receiving a Tier 1 compensation level in Los Angeles, California due to the different wage rates in those geographic areas.

A service member may continue receiving SCAADL compensation until the earlier of: (1) 90 days after discharge from military service; (2) when a DOD- or VA-licensed physician determines the service member no longer meets SCAADL eligibility requirements; (3) when the service member begins receiving VA Special Monthly Compensation (Section 1114 of Title 38, U.S.C.); (4) when the service member's caregiver begins receiving the VA's Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers Program stipend.

#### PLEASE CALL FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE

U.S. Army Recovery Care Program: 1-877-393-9058

U.S. Marine Corps Wounded Warrior Regiment: 1-877-487-6299, East (910-451-4812), West (760-725-4111)

U.S. Navy Wounded Warrior: 1-855-NAVY-WWP (628-9997)

U.S. Air Force Wounded Warrior Program: 1-800-581-9437

U.S. Special Operations Command Warrior Care Program: 1-877-672-3039

