



WOUNDED WARRIOR REGIMENT

Fact Sheet | SCAADL

Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living (SCAADL) is a taxable special monthly compensation for servicemembers who incur a permanent catastrophic injury or illness, and is paid directly to the servicemember. It helps offset the loss of income by a primary caregiver (caregivers cannot be military members) who provides non-medical care, support, and assistance.

Who Qualifies for SCAADL?

Servicemembers who:

- Have a catastrophic injury or illness incurred or aggravated in the line of duty;
- Have been certified by a Department of Defense (DoD) or Veterans Affairs (VA) physician to be in need of assistance from another person to perform the personal functions required in every day living or require constant supervision;
- Would, in the absence of this provision, require some form of residential institutional care;
- Are not currently in an inpatient status in a medical facility.



SCAADL applies to servicemembers who have a catastrophic injury or illness, are no longer hospitalized, and need a caregiver to provide assistance with daily activities.

How Do I Apply?

SCAADL is not automatic. You should contact a member of your recovery team (Primary Care Manager, Nurse Case Manager, Recovery Care Coordinator, Non-Medical Case Manager, or unit leadership) for the application and guidance.

- Your DoD or VA physician will complete the SCAADL Eligibility Form to determine if you meet the qualifications for the program. If so, they will conduct a physical evaluation and patient interview before completing the application (DD Form 2948). The scoring determines the level of compensation received.
- If your physician is not affiliated with DoD or VA, arrangements can be made to have a DoD or VA physician review your case and complete the certification.
- You and your designated caregiver will be required to complete and sign the SCAADL Statement of Understanding.
- The SCAADL Eligibility Form, Statement of Understanding and DD Form 2948 will be forwarded, via your chain of command, to the Wounded Warrior Regiment (WWR) for processing and final approval or disapproval.
- Should you disagree with the determination, there is an opportunity on the SCAADL Eligibility Form and the DD Form 2948 to appeal to the commanding officer of the WWR.

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↔ Can my SCAADL change?

Yes, amounts are based on geographic location and care needs; also, the benefit requires a medical reevaluation and recertification every 180 days.



Do I automatically qualify if I am authorized a Non-Medical Attendant (NMA)? No, you should not assume you are entitled to SCAADL if you have an NMA.



How long can I receive SCAADL?

Until you are separated from the service or until you no longer require assistance with activities of daily living. It will end the earliest of:

- 90 days after separation
- Receipt of compensation under the VA program
- Servicemember's recovery; or
- Last day of the month during which the servicemember dies



How are amounts determined?

Amounts are based upon the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics wage rate for home health aides and adjusted by:

- Geographic area of residence/recovery
- A three-tier system based on the complexity of care, as determined by a DoD or VA physician.
 - ⇒ High Tier: Servicemember who scores 21 or higher will be presumed to need a full-time caregiver who provides 40 hours of care per week.
 - ⇒ Medium Tier: Servicemember who scores 13-20 will be presumed to require 25 hours of assistance per week.
 - ⇒ Low Tier: Servicemember who scores 1-12 will be presumed to require 10 hours of assistance per week.

If you are eligible for SCAADL you may also be eligible for Non-Medical Attendant (NMA) Orders. You can find additional information on our ITO/NMA Fact Sheet.

NMA Orders are authorized when a Marine is in an inpatient or outpatient status and a doctor determines it is necessary to have someone assist with the activities of daily living.

- The Marine must be determined to be very seriously ill (VSI) or seriously ill (SI).
- Normally, one person is authorized to travel as an NMA; more than one person may be authorized in extenuating circumstances.
- Only mileage will be reimbursed if the NMA lives in the vicinity of the treatment facility or the WII Marine's duty station.
- NMAs are authorized in 30 day increments, due to the flat rate per diem change.
- If more than 30 days are required, an extension can be requested prior to the end of the initial order.

How is an NMA authorized?

Once the attending physician determines a Marine to be VSI or SI and they need one or more non-medical attendants, they work with the Marine to determine who should be authorized NMA orders. Requests are submitted to the Commanding Officer, WWR for approval.

How are travel expenses reimbursed?

A completed travel voucher, DD Form 1351-2, must be submitted. Copies of the ITO or NMA orders and any receipts for expenses more than \$75.00 should be included. A final settlement voucher should be submitted within five days of the end of the ITO or NMA orders.