



WHO IS A CAREGIVER

A Caregiver is someone who provides personal care services for a Veteran. These services could include assistance with activities of daily living like personal hygiene, or providing supervision to ensure the safety of the Veteran.

A Caregiver could be a spouse, significant other, adult child, parent, family member, or a friend.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

VA offers a wide range of services for Caregivers of eligible Veterans of all eras.

Additional services, including a monthly stipend, are available for eligible Veterans who were seriously injured in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001.

Your local Caregiver Support Coordinator can help you apply for services, guide you through the process, and answer any questions you may have (see contact information on the back of this guide or online).

www.caregiver.va.gov

Department of Veterans Affairs Caregiver Support Program

*For more information contact your
local Caregiver Support Coordinator:*

National Caregiver Support Line:

1-855-260-3274



www.caregiver.va.gov

VA Caregiver Support Line

1-855-260-3274 toll-free

Monday through Friday, 8:00 am – 11:00 pm ET

Saturday, 10:30 am – 6:00 pm ET



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Caregiver Support Program Overview



*You're there to
support the Veteran.*

**We're here to
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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

VA's Caregiver Support Program was developed to support Caregivers of Veterans, our partners in ensuring the best care of Veterans. The Program provides a wide range of services to Caregivers of eligible Veterans of all eras.

The Program provides additional services, including a monthly stipend, to Caregivers of Veterans (or Servicemembers undergoing medical discharge) who incurred or aggravated a serious injury (including Traumatic Brain Injury, psychological trauma or other mental disorders) in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001. Caregivers of eligible Veterans are urged to apply for the Program through our website (www.caregiver.va.gov) or directly through the local Caregiver Support Coordinator (see contact information on the back of this guide).

Your local Caregiver Support Coordinator serves as a source of information about the program. They can coordinate training, connect you to resources within the VA and within your local community, and provide you with support.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM?

Caregivers for Veterans of all eras may be eligible for services if the Veteran:

1. Is unable to perform an activity of daily living (i.e. dress or undress, bathe, groom, difficulty with mobility, etc.); or
2. Needs supervision or protection based on other impairment or injury (including symptoms or residuals of neurological care).

Caregivers of post 9/11 Veterans may be eligible for supplemental services, if:

1. The Veteran suffered or aggravated a serious injury (including traumatic brain injury, psychological trauma, or other mental disorder) in the line of duty, on or after September 11, 2001;
2. The serious injury requires the need for personal care services for a minimum of 6 months based on a clinical determination that takes into account various factors;
3. It is in the best interest of the Veteran to participate in the Caregiver Support Program;
4. Personal care services that would be provided by the Caregiver will not be provided through another individual or entity;
5. The Veteran agrees to receive ongoing care, at home.

NOTE: *There are additional criteria beyond what is listed here.*

OVERVIEW OF SERVICES

Caregivers of eligible Veterans of all eras may qualify for:

- Skilled nursing
- Home health aide
- Home Based Primary Care
- Veteran Directed Home & Community Based Care
- Medical equipment
- Home modification
- Vehicle modification
- Aid & Attendance
- Support groups
- Up to 30 days of respite care per year
- Education and training on Caregiving

Caregivers of eligible Veterans Seriously Injured on or after September 11, 2001, may qualify for:

- All of the services available to Caregivers listed above
- Monthly Caregiver stipend
- CHAMPVA healthcare coverage
- Mental health services
- At least 30 days of respite care per year, including during required training
- Travel, lodging and per diem as required during training
- Travel, lodging, and per diem during Veteran medical appointments