



Veterans Day Press Release – Veterans Home Care

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Headline: Your Agency Name Supports Elderly Veterans Seeking VA Funding for Home Care

At Home Companions supports elderly veterans and their surviving spouses who seek VA funding for in-home care. As Veterans Day draws near, it's the perfect time to alert those who may be entitled to a Pension with an added amount for Aid and Attendance from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). The money received for the VA's Aid and Attendance Pension can be used for a home care aide from At Home Companions, for help with: bathing, dressing, medication reminders, transportation, light housekeeping and more.

At Home Companions partners with **Veterans Home Care** to offer the **VetAssist© Program**, which helps eligible elderly seniors with all the paperwork, application process and ongoing VA compliance.

Even though the VA pension has been around for more than 60 years, very few people know about it or understand how it works. Sadly, an estimated two million people are eligible for the VA's Aid and Attendance Pension valued at \$22 billion per year, but only one-third of elderly veterans even know it exists!

To qualify, you will need to meet the following criteria known as the 3 Ms:

1. Military Service Requirements:

You must be a veteran, or surviving spouse of a veteran, who served at least 90 days on active duty, at least one day during wartime, with an honorable discharge. (Persian Gulf War veterans must have two years of active duty.)

2. Medical Requirements:

A doctor must confirm a disability and a need for assistance with activities of daily living such as bathing, dressing, transportation, and meal preparation. This disability must not be connected to the veteran's military service. (If the veteran has a service connected disability he or she should seek funds through the VA's Compensation program instead.)

3. Money/Financial Requirements:

You must have limited income and assets in relation to medical expenses. (A home and car are exempt.)

“We are proud to recognize the service of our nation’s veterans—not just around Veterans Day, but throughout the year by offering the VetAssist Program,” says Stacey Reich.

This assistance is free to all of our clients who qualify. By law, no person or organization can charge a veteran or his surviving dependents to apply for the VA Aid and Attendance Pension. However, At Home Companions pays for VetAssist Program services through an arrangement with Veterans Home Care.

Home care can start right away for eligible veterans and spouses

One of the biggest advantages of the VetAssist Program is that qualifying clients receive a free, no interest loan to begin home care before the VA application is processed. This means there’s no waiting game while the VA takes months to process the claim. The loan is repaid when our client is entitled and receives a retroactive payment from the VA.

“We trust the expertise and integrity of the VetAssist team. The company has a successful 15-year track record of helping more than 14,000 veterans and spouses receive the Aid and Attendance Pension,” says At Home Companions

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