

# VA BENEFITS FOR LONG TERM CARE SERVICES\*

Some US military veterans and their surviving spouses may have accessible benefits to help pay long term care (LTC) costs. To qualify for these LTC resources, veterans must meet both Service Requirements and Financial Eligibility Requirements.

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## SERVICE REQUIREMENTS

Veterans are assigned to a priority group number from 1-8. The highest Priority Groups are for veterans with service-connected disabilities. Your priority group number will determine what VA benefits are available to you.

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## FINANCIAL ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Available LTC benefits are means-tested. Annual income and assets are reviewed to determine if net worth is below the limit set by Congress. VA Aid & Attendance benefits have a 3 yr. look back for asset transfers.

## LTC BENEFIT OPTIONS

### VA HOME BASED PRIMARY CARE

- Veterans confined to their homes because of permanent disability
- Leave home only for medical care

### NURSING HOME SERVICES

- VA-owned and run nursing homes
- Community nursing homes - private facilities contracted with the VA
- State Veterans Homes
- ALL for the severest disabilities
- LONG waiting lists

### AID & ATTENDANCE

- Criteria include serving in covered wartime
- Income supplement to VA Pension to help cover costs for: Home Care, Assisted Living, Nursing Home, Memory Care, Family Caregiver
- 2023 Maximum Benefit
  - \$2,229/month Veteran, no dependents
  - \$2,643/month Veteran plus spouse
  - \$1,433/month widow

For additional information on VA benefits for long term care, please visit [VA.gov](https://www.va.gov)

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