

Retroactive Traumatic Injury Benefits Available

As of October 1, 2011, the Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance Traumatic Injury Protection benefit (TSGLI) will be payable for all qualifying injuries incurred from October 7, 2001 to November 30, 2005, regardless of where they occurred and whether the member had TSGLI coverage at the time of the injury. Every member who has Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI) also has TSGLI effective December 1, 2005. This coverage applies to active duty members, reservists, National Guard members, funeral honors duty and one-day muster duty.

The Veterans' Benefit Act of 2010 removes the requirement that injuries during this period be incurred in Operations Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom. Additionally, National Guard and Reservists who were injured stateside during this period are also eligible for this benefit as well.

Although applications are currently being accepted by Branch of Service TSGLI Offices, benefits will not be paid until October 1, 2011, the effective date of the law. For more information or to apply for a TSGLI payment, go to <http://www.insurance.va.gov/sqliSite/TSGLI/TSGLI.htm>.

Contact Joe Wright if you would like to receive veteran's information by email. There are many state and federal benefits and programs available to veterans and their dependents. To find out if you are eligible for any of these benefits, visit or call our office. We can and will assist you in completing all required application forms. You can get information on the Web from the Kings County Veterans Service Office website at www.countyofkings.com.

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