

Caregiver Support Program Overview



VA Caregiver Support

*You're there to
support the Veteran.*

**We're here to
support you.**



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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. Our goal is to strengthen and support Caregivers in this role.

The Program offers a menu of services including on-line courses, face to face classes, telephone support, in-person and peer support. You can choose to participate in one or all of these services.

Every VA Medical Center has a Caregiver Support Coordinator (CSC). This professional is your key to accessing this menu of services and more. Contact the CSC nearest you for more information about caregiving, connecting to resources within VA and your community, navigating the VA system and providing you support.

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

1. The Veteran suffered or aggravated a serious injury in the line of duty, on or after September 11, 2001;
2. The serious injury requires the need for personal care services in everyday living 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 Program;
4. Personal care services provided by the Caregiver will not be provided through another individual or entity;
5. The Veteran agrees to receive ongoing care at home as well as ongoing care and oversight from the local VA Medical Center.

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

Caregivers of eligible Veterans seriously injured on or after September 11, 2001 may additionally qualify for:

- A Monthly Stipend
- CHAMPVA Healthcare coverage
- Mental Health Services
- Respite Care Services
- Travel, Lodging and Per Diem during required training and Veteran medical appointments



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 can 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.

Caregivers of eligible Veterans who were seriously injured in the line of duty on or after September 11, 2001 may be eligible for additional support and services, including financial assistance.

Every VA Medical Center has a Caregiver Support Coordinator who can help you locate the services you need (see contact information on the back of this brochure or on the website).

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SERVICES TO SUPPORT CAREGIVERS

Eligible Veterans and/or their Caregivers may qualify for:

- Skilled Nursing
- Home Health Aide
- Home Based Primary Care
- Veteran Directed Home & Community Based Care
- Peer Support
- Telehealth
- Medical Equipment
- Home Modification
- Vehicle Modification
- Aid & Attendance
- Support Groups
- Respite Care Services
- Education and Training on Caregiving

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

**VA Caregiver
Support Line:**

1-855-260-3274 toll free



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