

REQUEST FOR NURSING HOME INFORMATION IN CONNECTION WITH CLAIM FOR AID AND ATTENDANCE

INSTRUCTIONS: If you have any questions about completing this form, call VA toll-free at 1-800-827-1000 (Hearing Impaired TDD federal relay number is 711).

Section I - VETERAN/CLAIMANT'S IDENTIFICATION INFORMATION

NOTE: You can *either* complete the form online or by hand. If completed by hand, print the information requested in ink, neatly, and legibly to expedite processing the form.

1. VETERAN/CLAIMANT'S NAME (First, Middle Initial, Last)

Grid for name entry: 36 boxes for first, middle initial, and last name.

2. VETERAN/CLAIMANT'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER

Grid for social security number: 9 boxes with dashes.

3. VA FILE NUMBER

Grid for VA file number: 12 boxes.

4. VETERAN'S DATE OF BIRTH (MM/DD/YYYY)

Grid for date of birth: Month (2), Day (2), Year (4) with dashes.

5. VETERAN'S SERVICE NUMBER (If applicable)

Grid for service number: 10 boxes.

SECTION II - NURSING HOME INFORMATION

6. NAME OF NURSING HOME

7. ADDRESS OF NURSING HOME (Number and street or rural route, P.O. Box, City, State, ZIP Code and Country)

Grid for address: No. & Street (36), Apt./Unit Number (5), City (20), State/Province (2), Country (2), ZIP Code/Postal Code (10).

SECTION III - GENERAL INFORMATION (To be completed by a Nursing Home Official)

8. DATE ADMITTED TO NURSING HOME (MM/DD/YYYY)

Grid for date admitted: Month (2), Day (2), Year (4) with dashes.

9. IS THE NURSING HOME FACILITY MEDICAID OR EQUIVALENT APPROVED?

YES NO

10. HAS THE PATIENT APPLIED FOR MEDICAID?

YES NO

11A. IS THE PATIENT COVERED BY MEDICAID OR EQUIVALENT PLAN?

YES NO (If "YES," complete Item 11B)

11B. DATE MEDICAID OR EQUIVALENT PLAN BEGAN

Grid for date began: Month (2), Day (2), Year (4) with dashes.

12. MONTHLY AMOUNT PATIENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR OUT OF POCKET

\$

13. I CERTIFY THAT THE CLAIMANT IS A PATIENT IN THIS FACILITY BECAUSE OF MENTAL OR PHYSICAL DISABILITY AND IS RECEIVING: (Check one)

SKILLED NURSING CARE INTERMEDIATE NURSING CARE

14. NURSING HOME OFFICIAL'S NAME (First and Last) (Please print)

15. NURSING HOME OFFICIAL'S TITLE (Please print)

16. NURSING HOME OFFICIAL'S OFFICE TELEPHONE NUMBER (Include Area Code)

SECTION IV - DECLARATION OF INTENT

I CERTIFY THAT the statements on this form are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

17. SIGNATURE OF NURSING HOME OFFICIAL (Sign in ink)

18. DATE SIGNED (MM,DD,YYYY)

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RESPONDENT BURDEN: We need this information to determine eligibility for benefits and the proper rate of payment (38 U.S.C. 5503, 38 U.S.C. 1115 (1)(E)), 38 U.S.C. 1311(c), 38 U.S.C. 1315(h)). Title 38, United States Code, allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 10 minutes to review the instructions, find the information and complete this form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. You are not required to respond to a collection of information if this number is not displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB Internet Page at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. If you desire, you can call 1-800-827-1000 to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form.

CARE EXPENSE STATEMENT

VA File Number: _____

Please note that both the Claimant and the administrator of the facility or care provider must sign and date the last section, or we will not be able to consider these expenses.

Veteran's name: _____

Patient's Name: _____

Name of facility or Care Provider: _____

Phone Number of facility or Care Provider: _____

Address of facility or Care Provider: _____

Date patient entered facility or In-Home care began: _____

Date patient left facility (if applicable): _____

Will the patient need this care indefinitely? Yes _____ No _____

If "NO", when will the care end? _____

Has the patient applied for Medicaid? Yes _____ No _____

Is part of the patient's cost covered by Medicaid, Medicare, or insurance? Yes _____ No _____

When did coverage begin? _____

What monthly amount does the veteran or patient pay from his/her own funds?

Effective date _____ \$ _____ per month

(prior) Effective date _____ \$ _____ per month

FOR NURSING HOME CARE:

Is your facility licensed by the State? Yes____ No____

Is your facility Medicaid approved? Yes____ No____

Is the patient in your nursing home because of physical or mental disability? Yes____ No____

Do you provide either skilled or intermediate level nursing care to the patient? Yes____ No____

What was the admitting diagnosis?

FOR OTHER TYPES OF CARE FACILITIES:

Indicate the type of facility in which the claimant resides:

____ Foster Home ____ Adult Day Care ____ Rest Home ____ Group Home

____ Assisted Living ____ Independent Living / Retirement Facility

Which of the following services do you provide:

____ Assistance with bathing and/or showering

____ Assistance with dressing

____ Assistance with eating and/or drinking (not including meal preparation)

____ Assistance with mobility (i.e. getting in or out of bed, a chair, etc.)

____ Assistance with personal hygiene needs (i.e. using the toilet, brushing teeth, etc.)

Describe additional medical or nursing services you provide:

We must have the monthly charge broken down into the following two categories:

1. Base Rate \$ _____ per month
(includes room, meals, laundry, housekeeping, etc.)

2. Medical and Nursing Services: \$ _____ per month

If a 3rd party provides the services listed above, please list their Name, Address, and Phone Number:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

IMPORTANT: Please have the 3rd party complete the In-Home Section and sign and date the last section.

FOR IN-HOME CARE, ALSO ANSWER:

Which of the following services do you provide?

_____ Assistance with bathing and/or showering

_____ Assistance with dressing

_____ Assistance with eating and/or drinking (not including meal preparation)

_____ Assistance with mobility (getting in or out of bed, chair, etc.)

_____ Assistance with personal hygiene needs (using the toilet, brushing teeth, etc.)

Describe additional medical or nursing services you provide:

Are you a licensed health professional? Yes _____ No _____
(Registered nurse, licensed vocational nurse, or licensed practical nurse)

If "yes" provide your license number: _____

If you charge by the hour, list your hourly rate and number of weekly hours worked:

Weekly Hours: _____ per Hour Rate \$ _____

SIGNATURES:

I certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Facility Administrator or Care Provider Date

Signature of 3rd Party Contractor (if applicable) Date

I certify that the above statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I am paying \$ _____ per month for my care from my own funds.

Signature of Veteran or Beneficiary Date

How to complete the Medical Expense Report (VA form 21p-8416)

When itemizing health and medical expenses, you must have an entry in each box of the column. If this is a NEW Claim, you are giving a "snapshot" of ONE month's recurring, predictable, un-reimbursed health and medical expenses. Do not send the VA receipts. If needed, they will ask for them.

Un-reimbursed Medical Expenses(UME) used INITIALLY to qualify:

- (1.) *Medicare Part B and D Premiums* - For claimant, or, if married, for both claimant and spouse
- (2.) *Private Medical Insurance Premiums* - For claimant, or, if married, for both claimant and spouse
- (3.) *Any other health or medical premiums*, such as Dental, Long Term Care, etc.
- (4.) *Caregiver Services* - costs for in-home care or a care facility, such as assisted living, group home, and adult day care. PLEASE NOTE: if the care facility is an Independent Living Community, there must be paid caregiver services provided and the Doctor's form 21-2680 MUST STATE the Patient needs to live in (Name of Facility) and receive caregiver services. Please give to the Doctor the letter in our packet explaining this requirement. A family member, other than spouse, can be a caregiver. They do not have to be a licensed medical professional, but they do have to be paid. The rate of payment is based upon the normal rates for in-home care in the area. The family member can use the caregiver money to pay the non-medical bills for the claimant, if necessary, such as rent, utilities, phone, food, etc.

All medical expenses need to be paid from the claimant's account.

- (5.) *Equipment rental cost*, such as oxygen, insulin, wheelchairs, hospital beds, etc.
- (6.) *Last Illness and Burial Expenses* for the Veteran or Spouse. You need to show the exact dates paid, as these would not be recurring expenses.
- (7.) *Prescription Drug Co-Pays* - most prescriptions are considered to be Non-Recurring and will not be considered as an allowable deduction initially. However, if your monthly drugs are necessary, recurring, and expensive, your doctor can provide a statement indicating the prescriptions are necessary and recurring. You can provide the VA with a print-out from your pharmacy for the past year along with your doctor's statement that they are necessary and recurring.

Example: 21p-8416 (Itemization of Expenses)

A. Medical Exp.	B. Amount Paid	C. Date Paid	D. Provider Name	For Whom Paid
Medicare Part B	107.90	Monthly	Social Security	Self
Medicare Part D	22.90	Monthly	Silver Script	Self
Private Med Insur	86.00	Monthly	United Health	Self
Assisted Living	3500	Monthly	The Bridges	Self & Spouse
Medicare Part B	104.90	Monthly	Social Security	Spouse



VA may be able to pay you at a higher rate if you identify expenses VA considers allowable. Medical and dental expenses paid by you may be deductible from the income VA counts when determining your benefit entitlement.

In Items 20 and 21 below, identify any medical or dental expenses that you paid for a member of your household (self, spouse, child, etc.) for which you were not reimbursed. Below are examples of expenses you should include, if applicable:

- Hospital expenses
- Doctor's office fees
- Dental fees
- Prescription/non-prescription drug costs
- Vision care costs
- Medical insurance premiums
- Nursing home costs
- Hearing aid costs
- Home health service expenses
- Expenses related to transportation to a hospital, doctor, or other medical facility
- Monthly Medicare deduction

IMPORTANT NOTES

- Do not include any expenses for which you were reimbursed. If you receive reimbursement after you have filed this claim, promptly notify the VA office handling your claim.
- If you are not sure whether a particular expense can be allowed, furnish a complete description of the purposes of the payment. We will let you know if an expense cannot be allowed.
- You may be asked to verify the amounts you actually paid, so keep all receipts or other documentation of payments for at least 3 years after we make a decision on your medical expense claim. If you are unable to provide documentation of the claimed medical expenses when asked to do so by VA, your benefits may be retroactively reduced or terminated.
- If more space is needed to report expenses, attach a separate sheet of paper with columns corresponding to those on this form. Be sure to write your VA file number on any attachments.

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RESPONDENT BURDEN: We need this information to determine whether medical expenses you paid may be used to reduce the amount of income we count in determining eligibility to benefits (38 U.S.C. 1503). Title 38, United States Code, allows us to ask for this information. We estimate that you will need an average of 30 minutes to review the instructions, find the information, and complete this form. VA cannot conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless a valid OMB control number is displayed. You are not required to respond to a collection of information if this number is not displayed. Valid OMB control numbers can be located on the OMB Internet Page at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. If desired, you can call 1-800-827-1000 to get information on where to send comments or suggestions about this form.

