



VETERANS AID & ATTENDANCE PROGRAM

Aid & Attendance and Housebound

Veterans and survivors who are eligible for a VA pension and require the aid and attendance of another person, or are housebound, may be eligible for additional monetary payment. These benefits are paid in addition to monthly pension, and they are not paid without eligibility to Pension. Since Aid and Attendance and Housebound allowances increase the pension amount, people who are not eligible for a basic pension due to excessive income may be eligible for pension at these increased rates. A Veteran or surviving spouse may not receive Aid and Attendance benefits and Housebound benefits at the same time.

Aid and Attendance

The Aid & Attendance (A&A) increased monthly pension amount may be added to your monthly pension amount if you meet one of the following conditions:

- You require the aid of another person in order to perform personal functions required in everyday living, such as bathing, feeding, dressing, attending to the wants of nature, adjusting prosthetic devices, or protecting yourself from the hazards of your daily environment

- You are bedridden, in that your disability or disabilities requires that you remain in bed apart from any prescribed course of convalescence or treatment
- You are a patient in a nursing home due to mental or physical incapacity
- Your eyesight is limited to a corrected 5/200 visual acuity or less in both eyes; or concentric contraction of the visual field to 5 degrees or less

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KRISTA'S KORNER

Happy Harvest time! With the fall season upon us, along with recognition of our Veterans, this is the season for blessings. Comfort Keepers continues to recognize our Veterans for their service. We have also been blessed with new office employees to continue the quality of care needed for all of our clients. We thank you for all that you do. "A little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just."



Krista Kuligowski, Owner

MEET OUR NEW NURSE

Sherri comes to Comfort Keepers with more than 16 years of experience in the Nursing field. Sherri holds an Associate Degree in Science from Michigan Christian College and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Oakland University.

Sherri's nursing career includes experience in mental health, substance abuse, laboratory testing, long-term care facilities, rehabilitation facilities, and home care. She has a real love for our geriatric

population. Sherri oversees the Private Duty Nursing program for Comfort Keepers, including client home visits, assessments, and manage our clients' changing conditions. Sherri also enjoys family time, caring for others, and loves animals.



Sherrie M, RN

UNITED WE STAND-FOOD DRIVE

Each year, Comfort Keepers works with the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 154. The Vietnam Veterans of America organization provides outreach opportunities to our veterans. The Veterans are able to stop by the pantry three times a year. As a supporter of the Vietnam Veterans of America organization, Comfort Keepers hosts an annual Food Drive. Last year, Comfort Keepers collected 1,000 pounds of canned goods. This year, Comfort Keepers has exceeded 1,000 pounds.

Thanks to our Comfort Keepers caregivers, the Clinton Township Senior Center members, the Shelby Foundation, Home Care Physician's, and St. Mary's Rehab, the Food Drive collected in 1,200 pounds of canned goods. Terri, Tracy, and Susan were the winners of our Comfort Keepers Food Drive raffle. We want

to thank all our caregivers for their efforts and contributions. We hope the winners enjoy their prizes.

If you like to donate canned goods or nonperishable items, please contact the VVA organization at 586.776.9810 or visit their new location at 18025 Fifteen Mile Road, Clinton Twp., MI 48035.

**More than any other American, Veterans are 50% more likely to become homeless and hungry. So, please help those who've served us.*



Housebound

This increased monthly pension amount may be added to your monthly pension amount when you are substantially confined to your immediate premises because of permanent disability.

How to Apply

You may apply for Aid and Attendance or Housebound benefits by writing to the VA regional office where you filed a claim for pension benefits. If the regional office of jurisdiction is not known, you may file the request with any VA regional office. You should include copies of any evidence, preferably a report from an attending physician validating the need for Aid and Attendance or Housebound type care.

The report should be in sufficient detail to determine whether there is disease or injury

producing physical or mental impairment, loss of coordination, or conditions affecting the ability to dress and undress, to feed oneself, to attend to sanitary needs, and to keep oneself ordinarily clean and presentable.

Whether the claim is for Aid and Attendance or Housebound, the report should indicate how well the applicant gets around, where the applicant goes, and what he or she is able to do during a typical day. In addition, it is necessary to determine whether the claimant is confined to the home or immediate premises.



CAREGIVER OF THE QUARTER



Liz F, Caregiver

Liz has been with Comfort Keepers for over a year. She attended Macomb Community College where she received her Nursing Assistant certification. Liz has provided care to clients with Alzheimer's, Dementia, Parkinson's, ALS, Paralysis, and so on. Currently, Liz works on a 24-hour case where she provides afternoon and midnight care. Outside of work, Liz is passionate about her church and participating in youth activities. She has been a deacon for over 14 years. In addition, she likes to make jewelry and spend

time with her husband. Her hard work, dedication, and compassion have made Liz our Caregiver of the Quarter. Congratulations Liz!





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