

DAV Auxiliary Caring for Caregivers Initiative Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What is the Caring For Caregivers Initiative?

DAV Auxiliary honors the dedication of caregivers who selflessly support our nation's veterans, often at the expense of their own well-being. In accordance with Article II of the DAV Auxiliary Constitution, DAV Auxiliary established the DAVA Caring for Caregivers Initiative Program to advance the interests and improve the lives of wounded, injured, and disabled veterans and their families

What type of care is available to me?

This assistance was created to help with self-care activities for the veteran caregiver. Activities may include: a massage, yoga, Pilates, meditation, pedicure, etc. This respite opportunity is provided to help the caregiver take a brief moment to themselves to help relax and recharge.

How often can one take advantage of this wonderful program?

Caregivers are welcome to apply twice per calendar year with at least four months between approvals. Please understand, applying for this assistance is not a guaranteed approval.

How much does this program pay out for services and how are services paid?

If approved, the maximum reimbursement amount is \$250. Once approval has been granted and valid receipt(s) have been submitted for the service provided, reimbursement will be issued.

What is the Definition of an eligible caregiver?

Eligible caregivers of a veteran must be a spouse, child, parent, stepfamily member, or an individual residing full-time with the veteran.

How do you determine if I am an eligible caregiver?

Your application will be thoroughly reviewed. One determining factor to solidify your status will be if you are certified through the DAV Caregiver Support Program, VA Caregiver Program, or a Physician's letter on official letterhead verifying the designated caregiver, which you will provide with your application.

What if I am a caregiver for my service-connected veteran but do not go through the VA Caregiver Program or DAV Caregiver Support Program? Can I still receive this assistance?

Yes, you can! You have the opportunity to provide documentation from a physician on letterhead stating you are the veteran's caregiver when submitting your application.

Will I need to provide proof of service-connected veteran disability rating?

Yes, we will need a copy of the veteran's service-connected disability rating, this can be a copy of the official VA Benefit Summary Letter/VA Award Letter issued by the VA.

Why so many questions and the needed documentation?

Our programs are made possible entirely through the generosity of our donors. To continue offering meaningful support to veterans and their families, we must be diligent and good stewards in how we manage every dollar entrusted to us.

If you would like to learn more about the services and programs available to veterans and their families, please visit Disabled American Veterans at dav.org and DAV Auxiliary at davauxiliary.org.