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Veterans' Benefits for Nursing Home Residents

The V.A. provides two types of programs for veterans and their surviving spouses: V.A. Nursing Homes and payments to private nursing facilities, called payments in Aid and Attendance.

Generally, these benefits are available to Veterans and the spouses of Veterans who served during time of war, those who have service related disabilities and career Veterans.

The number of V.A. nursing home beds is EXTREMELY limited, and in some cases, the nursing facilities with available beds are not close to the veteran's home. The Aid and Attendance program is more flexible and provides cash payments which assist with care in a private nursing home. Eligibility for these programs should be reviewed with the V.A. in all cases where the Veteran or his spouse requires nursing home care. Eligibility for this program is subject to income and asset limitations. However, transferring assets in order to qualify is permitted.

Veterans who served during time of war and those who have service related disabilities can qualify.

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