



WOUNDED WARRIOR REGIMENT

UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

SPECIAL COMPENSATION FOR ASSISTANCE WITH ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING

Who qualifies?

All service members who:

- Have a catastrophic injury or illness incurred or aggravated in the line of duty;

Catastrophic: A permanent severely disabling injury, disorder or illness incurred or aggravated in the line of duty that the Secretary of the Military Department concerned determines compromises the ability of the afflicted person to carry out activities of daily living to such a degree that the person requires personal or mechanical assistance to leave home or bed, or constant supervision to avoid physical harm to self or others.

- Have been certified by a Department of Defense (DoD) or Veterans Affairs (VA) physician to be in need of assistance from another person to perform the personal functions required in daily living or require constant supervision;
- Would, in the absence of this provision, require some form of residential institutional care (i.e. hospitalization or nursing home care); and
- Are not currently in inpatient status in a medical facility.

Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living (SCAADL) was authorized by the Fiscal Year 2010 National Defense Authorization Act. This special monthly compensation is for service members who incur a permanent catastrophic injury or illness. SCAADL helps offset the loss of income by a primary caregiver who provides non-medical care, support, and assistance for the service member.

What steps should I take to apply?

- Contact a member of your recovery team (to include the Primary Care Manager, Nurse Case Manager, Recovery Care Coordinator, Non-Medical Case Manager, or unit leadership) for the SCAADL application form and guidance.
- Your DoD or VA physician will complete a DD Form 2948. If your attending physician is not affiliated with DoD or VA, arrangements can be made to have a DoD or VA physician review your case and complete the certification.
- Application (DD Form 2948) will be forwarded, via your chain of command, to the Wounded Warrior Regiment (WWR) for processing and payment.

How are amounts determined?

SCAADL payment amounts are based upon the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics wage rate for home health aides and are adjusted by:

- The geographic area of residence/recovery
- A three-tier system based on the complexity of care, as determined by a DoD or VA physician, and uses a clinical evaluation and score. The member is rated as follows:

High Tier	Service member who scores 21 or higher will be presumed to need a full-time caregiver who provides 40 hours of personal care services per week.
Medium Tier	Service member who scores 13-20 will be presumed to require 25 hours per week of caregiver assistance.
Low Tier	Service member who scores 1-12 will be presumed to require 10 hours of caregiver assistance per week.

How long can a service member receive SCAADL?

SCAADL is paid to a service member until he/she is separated from the service or until they no longer require assistance with activities of daily living. SCAADL will end the earliest of:

- 90 days after separation from the service;
- Receipt of compensation under the VA program
- Service member's recovery; or
- Last day of the month during which the service member dies.

If service member is transitioning, notify the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) of impending transition to ensure application procedures for the VA's monthly caregiver stipend are initiated prior to separation from service.

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Is SCAADL automatic?

- No, the service member or guardian must apply and a DoD or VA physician certifies eligibility. A service member should contact a member of his or her recovery team (to include the Primary Care Manager, Nurse Case Manager, Recovery Care Coordinator, Non-Medical Case Manager, or unit leadership) for the SCAADL application form and guidance.

What if I disagree with my SCAADL determination?

- There is a section on the DD Form 2948 that provides an opportunity to indicate you wish to appeal. Appeals must be submitted to the Commanding Officer, Wounded Warrior Regiment. All medical reviews and opinions must be included. After the Regimental surgeon conducts a thorough review and develops a medical advisory opinion, the commanding officer will review the package and determine SCAADL entitlement.

Who receives the SCAADL payment?

- SCAADL is paid directly to the service member, not the service member's designated caregiver. It is up to the service member to ensure the compensation flows accordingly.

Are there any instances where my SCAADL could change?

- Yes, SCAADL amounts are based on geographic location AND care needs. Amounts may change if the service member moves or his/her care needs change
- Also, SCAADL requires recertification every 180 days (or when medical or geographic conditions change) to ensure payment accuracy.

What if my status changes from outpatient to inpatient?

- As long as the service member is in outpatient status for the majority of the month (more than 15 days) he / she will still be eligible for SCAADL.

Is SCAADL tax-exempt?

- No, SCAADL is taxable compensation.

Can I designate a military member as my primary caregiver?

- No, a military member cannot be designated as a primary caregiver for purposes of SCAADL.

I was authorized a Non Medical Attendant (NMA). Does that mean I will automatically qualify for SCAADL?

- No, service members who have been authorized an NMA should not assume entitlement to SCAADL. NMAs are authorized by physicians and designated by the service member. However, there is no stringent clinical review applied to this designation as there is with SCAADL.

I'm transitioning out of the service. Will I still receive SCAADL as a veteran?

- While SCAADL is intended for service members, you may receive it up to 90 days after separation from the service. While out processing, you need to complete the VA Caregiver Application. The service member should work with their recovery team to begin the transition process. The service member may realize a change in compensation when transitioning to VA Caregiver Stipend.

THE WOUNDED WARRIOR REGIMENT

The Wounded Warrior Regiment (WWR) stood up in April 2007 and immediately began to assume responsibilities for non-medical Wounded Warrior care. **The mission of the WWR is to provide and facilitate assistance to Wounded, Ill and Injured (WII) Marines, Sailors attached to or in direct support of Marine units, and their family members, throughout the phases of recovery.** The Regimental Headquarters element, located in Quantico, Va., coordinates the operations of two Wounded Warrior Battalions located at Camp Pendleton, Calif., and Camp Lejeune, N.C. The Regimental Headquarters provides unity of command and unity of effort through a single Commander who provides guidance, direction, and oversight to the Marine Corps WII non-medical care process and ensures continuous improvements to care management and the seamless transition of recovering Marines.



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