

## SCAADL

**Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living (SCAADL)** is a taxable special monthly compensation for service members who incur a permanent catastrophic injury or illness. The benefit is paid directly to the service member and helps offset the loss of income by a primary caregiver (caregivers cannot be military members in a pay status) who provides non-medical care, support, and assistance.

### Who Qualifies for SCAADL?

Service members who:

- Have a catastrophic injury or illness incurred or aggravated in the line of duty
- 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 every day living or require constant supervision
- Would, in the absence of this provision, require some form of residential institutional care or hospitalization
- Are not currently in an inpatient status in a medical facility
- Are not found fit by a physical evaluation board (PEB), or otherwise returned to duty status
- Are unfit, but retained on active duty on permanent limited duty (PLD) or expanded permanent limited duty (EPLD) status

### How Do I Apply?

SCAADL is not automatic. Marines should contact a member of their recovery team or unit leadership for the application and guidance.

- A DoD or licensed VA physician will complete the DD Form 2948 to determine eligibility for the program. If so, the physician will conduct a physical evaluation and complete part II of the application (DD Form 2948) within 30 days of determining the service member is eligible. The scoring determines the level of compensation received.
- If the physician is not affiliated with DoD or VA, arrangements can be made to have a DoD or licensed VA physician review the case and complete the certification.
- The Marine and designated caregiver will be required to complete and sign the SCAADL Statement of Understanding. The caregiver must be at least 18 years of age if he/she is not the Marine's spouse. The caregiver can not be another military member in a pay status.
- The DD Form 2948 and the Statement of Understanding will be forwarded, via the chain of command, to the Wounded Warrior Regiment (WWR) for processing and final approval or disapproval.
- There is an opportunity to appeal for those who disagree with the determination.

### Eligibility

SCAADL applies to service members who have a catastrophic injury or illness, are no longer hospitalized, and need a caregiver to provide assistance with daily activities.

### Related Fact Sheets





- Recovery Care Coordinator
- Individual Travel Authorizations / Non-Medical Attendants
- Care Team

**Please note:** Marines still serving on PLD/EPLD who also receive Social Security Disability Insurance will become eligible for Medicare and must sign up for both Medicare Parts A and B to participate in TRICARE for Life. Family members can continue to receive benefits under TRICARE Prime even though the service member is covered under TRICARE for Life.

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-  **Can my SCAADL change?**  
Yes, amounts are based on geographic location and care needs; also, the benefit requires a medical reevaluation and recertification every 180 days.
-  **Do I automatically qualify if I am authorized a Non-Medical Attendant (NMA)?**  
No, you should not assume you are entitled to SCAADL if you have an NMA.
-  **How long can I receive SCAADL?**  
Whichever occurs earlier:
- 90 days after separation
  - Receipt of compensation under the VA program
  - Service member no longer meets the eligibility criteria
  - Last day of the month which the service member is found fit by a PEB or otherwise returned to duty as unfit but retained on active duty (PLD/EPLD)
  - Last day of the month during which the service member dies
-  **How are amounts determined?**  
Amounts are based upon the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics wage rate for home health aides and adjusted by:
- Geographic area of residence/recovery
  - A three-tier system based on the complexity of care, as determined by a DoD or VA physician.
    - \* **High Tier:** Service member who scores 21 or higher will be presumed to need a full-time caregiver who provides 40 hours of care per week.
    - \* **Medium Tier:** Service member who scores 13-20 will be presumed to require 25 hours of assistance per week.
    - \* **Low Tier:** Service member who scores 1-12 will be presumed to require 10 hours of assistance per week.

**If you are eligible for SCAADL you may also be eligible for Non-Medical Attendant (NMA) Orders. You can find additional information on our Individual Travel Authorization (ITA) / Non-Medical Attendant fact sheet.**

NMA Orders are authorized when a Marine is in an inpatient or outpatient status and a doctor determines it is necessary to have someone assist with the activities of daily living.

- The Marine must be determined to be very seriously ill (VSI) or seriously ill (SI).
- Normally, one person is authorized to travel as an NMA; more than one person may be authorized in extenuating circumstances.
- Only mileage will be reimbursed if the NMA lives in the vicinity of the treatment facility of the WII Marine's duty station.
- NMAs are authorized in 30 day increments, due to the flat rate per diem change.
- If more than 30 days are required, an extension can be requested prior to the end of the initial order.

### **How is a NMA authorized?**

Once the attending physician determines a Marine to be VSI or SI and they need one or more non-medical attendants, they work with the Marine to determine who should be authorized NMA orders. Requests are submitted to the Commanding Officer, WWR for approval.

### **How are travel expenses reimbursed?**

A completed travel voucher, DD Form 1351-2, must be submitted. Copies of the ITA or NMA orders and any receipts for expenses more than \$75.00 should be included. A final settlement voucher should be submitted within five days of the end of the ITA or NMA orders.