

Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living (SCAADL)

Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living (SCAADL) is authorized by Public Law 111-84. 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 and support for the service member.

Which Sailors qualify for the SCAADL benefit?

All active-duty Sailors who:

- Have a permanent catastrophic injury or illness incurred or aggravated in the line of duty (as determined by the Secretary of the Navy) and are not expected to return to full-duty status;
- Have been certified by a Department of Defense (DoD) or Veterans Affairs (VA) physician to need assistance from another person to perform the personal functions required in daily living, or to require constant supervision;
- Are not currently in inpatient status, and would, in the absence of this benefit, require some form of residential institutional care (e.g., hospitalization or a nursing home); and
- Are not receiving outpatient or in-home services from any other federal agency to assist with activities of daily living.

This benefit is not available to Coast Guardsmen. Those taking advantage of respite care opportunities or who have enlisted support from a non-medical attendant still qualify for the program.

**Please refer to Navy MILPERSMAN
7220-113 for additional information.**

How can Sailors apply?

The SCAADL benefit is not automatic; wounded warriors must apply for it. They should contact their Non-medical Care Manager or Navy Wounded Warrior (NWW) – Safe Harbor headquarters at 855-NAVY WWP (628-9997) or navywoundedwarrior@navy.mil. NWW representatives will work with them to initiate the process.

How are SCAADL amounts determined?

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

- The geographic area of residence/recovery



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- 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

How long can a Sailor receive SCAADL?

SCAADL is paid to a service member until he/she is separated from the service, or until he/she no longer requires assistance with activities of daily living. A SCAADL benefit will conclude when one of the following occurs:

- 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.

As long as a service member is in outpatient status for the majority of each month (more than 15 days), periodic hospitalization will not affect SCAADL eligibility.

If a service member is transitioning out of the military, he/she should notify the VA of their impending transition to ensure application procedures for the VA's monthly caregiver stipend are initiated prior to separation from the service.

Who receives the SCAADL payment?

Payments are paid directly to the service member. SCAADL is a taxable compensation, and payments can change if a service member's condition and/or geographic location changes.

For more information on SCAADL, visit <http://safeharbor.navylive.dodlive.mil> or email navywoundedwarrior@navy.mil.



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