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## No Cost Home Care Support Programs for Veterans

Home & Community and Long Term Care Services

[http://www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/Guide/LongTermCare/Home\\_and\\_Community\\_Based\\_Services.asp](http://www.va.gov/GERIATRICS/Guide/LongTermCare/Home_and_Community_Based_Services.asp)

VA Eastern Colorado Health Care System - 1055 Clermont Street, Denver, CO 80220  
Phone number to schedule appointment - 303-399-8020

Home Based Primary Care is health care services provided to Veterans in their home. A VA physician supervises the health care team who provides the services. Home Based Primary Care is for Veterans who have complex health care needs for whom routine clinic-based care is not effective. The program is for Veterans who need skilled services, case management and help with activities of daily living. Examples include help with bathing, dressing, fixing meals or taking medicines. This program is also for Veterans who are isolated or their caregiver is experiencing burden. Home Based Primary Care can be used in combination with other Home and Community Based Services.

A Homemaker or Home Health Aide is trained to help Veteran's in their home and help the Veteran take care of himself and his daily activities. Homemakers and Home Health Aides are not nurses, but they are supervised by a registered nurse who will help assess the Veteran's daily living needs. This program is for Veterans who need skilled services, case management and help with activities of daily living. Examples include help with bathing, dressing, fixing meals or taking medicines. This program is also for Veterans who are isolated or their caregiver is experiencing burden. Homemaker and Home Health Aide services can be used in combination with other Home and Community Based Services. Homemaker Home Health Aides work for an organization that has a contract with VA. A Homemaker or Home Health Aide can be used as a part of an alternative to nursing home care, and as a way to get Respite Care at home for Veterans and their family caregiver. The services of a Homemaker or Home Health Aide can help Veterans remain living in their own home and can serve Veterans of any age.

To participate in this program, Client must have a VA doctor, if not, they will need to register with the VA Hospital to get a referral to see a doctor and then will be assigned a case manager. Program allows client to also have a private physician outside of VA system. VA Doctor is only physician that can request orders. The Case Manager will make the referral to Comfort Keepers Agency. There is no cost for this program. If client is homebound and unable to get to doctors offices, then case manager will assign a physician to see client at home. If approved, the VA will pay for weekly nursing, ADL support. If medication management is needed, Comfort Keepers will provide a FREE secure medication box to the Veteran.



In Partnership with Comfort Keepers, Call Veteran's Home Care to determine eligibility. If qualified, VET ASSISIT funding and case management may begin within 30 days to qualifying veteran or surviving spouse at No COST.

**Call Miranda Scroggins at Veteran's Home Care at 888-314-6075**

## VA - Aid & Attendance Benefit

In 1952 Congress passed Title 38 of the United States Code, creating what we now call the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA), and authorizing benefits for veterans. One of these benefits is the Non-Service Connected Pension, with "Aid & Attendance." Wartime veterans and their surviving spouses, 65 years and older, may be entitled to a tax-free benefit provided by the Department of Veteran Affairs. The Benefit is designed to provide financial aid to help offset the cost of long-term care for those who need assistance with the daily activities of living such as Help with Bathing, Help with Dressing, Medication Reminders, Transportation Meal Preparation, and Transferring o and from bed, Personal Care, Respite Care, Light Housekeeping, Laundry and Companionship. \$1100 to \$2120+ in monthly funds available for Married, Single Vets and their surviving spouses of Veterans to pay for ongoing home care services.

### Eligibility

#### Do You Have the "3-Ms"?

- **Military:** Are you a veteran or the surviving spouse of a veteran who served at least 90 days on active duty, at least one day during wartime\*, with an honorable discharge?
- **Medical:** Do you have a non service-connected medical condition causing you to need assistance with activities of daily living?
- **Money:** Do you have limited income and assets? (Your home and car are exempt.)

#### Did you serve during one of the \*VA Defined War Periods

- World War II: Dec 7, 1941-Dec. 31, 1946
- Korean Conflict: June 27, 1950-Jan. 31, 1955
- Vietnam Era: Aug. 5, 1964-May 7, 1975 For veterans who served Feb. 28, 1961-Aug 5, 1964, must have served "in country" (Viet Nam).
- Persian Gulf War: Aug 2, 1990- date to be prescribed by Presidential proclamation or law. Must have served active duty for 2 years.