



PROSTHETIC'S BENEFIT PROGRAMS

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Prosthetic and Sensory Aids Service (PSAS) provides medically appropriate equipment, supplies, and services that optimize Veteran health and independence. PSAS assists Veterans and Service members with disabilities by administering the following unique benefit programs and services. For more information on eligibility and application procedures, please contact your local PSAS facility.

CLOTHING ALLOWANCE

VA pays an annual clothing allowance to Veterans who have a service-connected disability or condition that requires:

- Wearing or use of a prosthetic or orthopedic device that wears or tears clothing (e.g., rigid spinal and cervical braces; rigid orthotics; and ankle and/or foot orthosis.)
- Medication prescribed for a skin condition that causes irreparable damage to the Veteran's outer garments
- Multiple appliances / devices / skin medications that cause wear, tear or irreparable damage to one or more articles of clothing can qualify for multiple clothing allowance payments.
- Applications are due to the local PSAS office no later than August 1st.

HOME IMPROVEMENTS AND STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS (HISA)

Provides medically necessary structural alterations to Veterans' and Service members' primary residence to:

- Allow entrance to or exit from their homes.
- Use of essential lavatory and sanitary facilities (e.g. roll-in or walk-in showers).
- Allow accessibility to kitchen or bathroom sinks or counters.
- Improve entrance paths or driveways directly adjacent to their home to access and exit.
- Improve plumbing or electrical systems necessary due to installation of home medical equipment.

Lifetime HISA benefit up to \$6,800 (service-connected condition) or up to \$2,000 (non service-connected condition).

AUTOMOBILE ADAPTIVE EQUIPMENT (AAE)

Provides the necessary AAE and training to disabled Veterans or Service members to operate motor vehicle safely and permit access to and from the vehicle. Veterans must have an approved VA Form 21-4502 or a disability rating provided by Veterans Benefits Administration. Veterans/Service members eligible for AAE are:

- Service-connected for the loss or loss of use of one or both feet or hands, or immobility (ankylosis) of one or both knees or hips.
- Service-connected for burn injuries after October 1, 2011.
- Service-connected for permanent impairment of vision of both eyes with a central visual acuity of 20/200 or less, and are licensed and capable of operating a motor vehicle.
- Enrolled in Vocational Rehabilitation-Chapter 31.