

VA Aid & Attendance (A&A) Benefits
Available at Westwind House Assisted Living ~ 505.831.0002
www.WestwindHouse.com

Can we help you qualify for an extra \$3,536/month as a wartime Veteran?

The “Aide and Attendance” program provides extra payments to qualified veterans who live in a licensed Assisted Living community. You can use the VA payment to cover safety, rent, meals, and assistance with daily living at Westwind House. We are working with a **non-profit Patriot Angels** whose sole purpose is to help you qualify for this benefit.

Who Is Eligible?

1. Veteran over 65, who served during war time, with honorable discharge (no flexibility)
2. Or surviving spouse, married to the qualified Veteran at the time of death (no flexibility)
3. Needs some care assistance, or a protected living environment (some flexibility)
4. Assets less than \$150,538, excluding home value and personal property (some flexibility)



Patriot Angels Role:

1. Patriot Angels will do a free “initial evaluation” to see if you may qualify for this benefit.
2. They will help you identify and collect all the documentation needed for a formal application.
3. They will review your documentation to assess eligibility, and organize to support VA approval.
4. Only if the documentation supports your eligibility, Patriot Angels will charge a one-time fee of \$1,295 for a pre-filing consultation and Long Term Care Assessment with VA accredited attorney before submitting your application to the VA, and follow the process until completion.

Westwind House Role:

Westwind is a licensed assisted living community, and meets all the requirements for this program. Residing at Westwind will help your application clearly meet the need for care assistance during review by the VA. Payments you make to Westwind can also potentially be used as an “offset” to the monthly income limits of the program under some circumstances.

Next Steps:

1. Call Erin Walker at Patriot Angels. **Erin Walker** Community Relations Manager Office
Phone: 844-757-3047 Direct Line: 615-656-7245 Email: Erin@PatriotAngels.com
Website: www.PatriotAngels.com
2. In a week, Erin will complete a preliminary screen to see if you may qualify, and if so, will connect you with other Patriot Angels staff to continue collecting and evaluating additional documentation required. The VA review process can take 3-4 months after the formal application is completed.
3. The VA benefit will be back-dated, effective to the date of intent to file. If your application is submitted on January 1st and approved on April 1st, you will receive the benefit back-dated to January 1st.