



Navy Wounded Warrior (NWW) coordinates the non-medical care of seriously wounded, ill and injured Sailors and Coast Guardsmen, and provides resources and support to their families. Through proactive leadership, NWW offers individually-tailored assistance to ensure enrollees' successful recovery, rehabilitation and reintegration. The program allows service members to focus on their recovery goals while its team of experts resolves non-medical hurdles.

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

Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living (SCAADL) was authorized by the Fiscal Year 2012 National Defense Authorization Act. 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.

How can Sailors Apply?

The SCAADL benefit is not automatic; wounded warriors must apply for it. Wounded warriors should contact Navy Wounded Warrior (NWW) at 855-NAVY WWP (628-9997) or navywoundedwarrior.fct@navy.mil. Program representatives will work with enrollees to initiate the process.

Who Qualifies for the SCAADL Benefits?

Those who qualify for SCAADL benefits include 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); have been certified by a Department of Defense (DoD) or Veterans Affairs (VA) physician to require assistance from a caregiver to perform activities of daily living (ADL) or require constant supervision; are not currently in an inpatient status; and would, in the absence of caregiver ADL assistance, require some form of residential institutional care (e.g., hospitalization or a nursing home).

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; and
- 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.

If a service member disagrees with a determination, he/she may appeal.



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Who Receives the SCAADL Payment?

Payments are paid directly to the service member or, if he/she is determined mentally incompetent, his/her trustee. SCAADL is a taxable compensation, and payments can change if a service member's condition and/or geographic location changes.

How Long can a Sailor Receive SCAADL?

SCAADL recertification is required every six months, upon change in location, change in clinical status or level of dependence, or after any period of hospitalization exceeding 15 days. A SCAADL benefit will conclude when one of the following occurs:

- Failure to comply with the six-month recertification requirement;
- 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;
- Change in clinical or ADL dependence status that no longer qualifies; or
- Any period of hospitalization exceeding 15 days in a one-month period.

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, they should notify the VA of the impending transition to ensure application procedures for the VA's monthly caregiver stipend are initiated prior to separation from the service.

