

Can You Receive Additional Compensation from the Veterans Administration if you are 100 Percent?

The quick down answer is yes.

The VA is allowed to provide a Special Monthly Compensation (SMC), which is a tax-free benefit for veterans with severe impairment caused by service-connected conditions. The SMC is designed to compensate the veteran for non-economic factors. These factors could include personal inconvenience or social inadaptability. Disabilities such as loss of hearing, vision, or a limb may be eligible for SMC.

SMC may also be available to spouses and surviving spouses, under the name of aid and attendance. This is based on their need for assistance from another person.

The aid and attendance is paid to veterans, their dependents, or survivors at higher rates than standard VA disability compensation.

In addition to financial compensation, veterans with a 100% disability rating may also receive other benefits, such as:

- No-cost health care, dental care, and prescription medications
- Travel allowance for VA health care appointments
- Waiver of VA funding fee for home loans
- Vocational rehabilitation and employment
- Concurrent receipt of military retired pay
- Burial and plot allowance

Veterans can also file a claim for increased disability compensation if their service-connected disability worsens. To do so, they'll need to submit current medical evidence that shows their disability has worsened.

Additional information for SMC can be found in the Veterans Administration Adjudication Manual, **M21-1, Part VIII, Subpart iv, Chapter 4, Section A - Special Monthly Compensation (SMC)** with the link at

https://www.knowva.ebenefits.va.gov/system/templates/selfservice/va_ssnew/help/customer/locale/en-US/portal/55440000001018/content/554400000177480/M21-1-Part-VIII-Subpart-iv-Chapter-4-Section-A-Special-Monthly-Compensation-SMC