### When to refer to the VetAssist® Program



### 1. MILITARY SCREENING



Is he/she a veteran or the surviving spouse of a deceased wartime veteran who needs help to live safely at home?

YES

Combat duty or overseas service is not required. Surviving spouse must have been married to the veteran at least 1 year and at time of veteran's death. Married couples are only eligible if the veteran is disabled and meets the guidelines.



Did the veteran serve at least 1 day during wartime?

- World War II: December 7, 1941-December 31, 1946
- Korean Conflict: June 27, 1950 January 31, 1955
- Vietnam War Era: August 5, 1964 to May 7, 1975 for those who served outside the Republic of Vietnam. November 1, 1955 to May 7, 1975 for those who served in the Republic of Vietnam
- Gulf War: August 2, 1990- until date to be determined



YES

### Did the veteran serve:

- At least 90 days on active duty? (Persian Gulf War veterans must have two years of active duty or the full period for which they were called for active duty.)
- With an honorable (or in some cases general) discharge?

### 2. MEDICAL SCREENING



Does the veteran or surviving spouse have a medical condition requiring the need for assistance with activities of daily living? (e.g.-help with bathing, dressing, grooming, using the toilet, meal preparation, moving about safely.)

If under age 65, must have letter from Social Security proving disability.



Does the veteran or surviving spouse want to use their VA Pension with Aid and Attendance primarily for

YES

in-home care or adult day care?

### 3. MONETARY SCREENING



Does he/she have a net worth (income + assets) at or less than \$159,000? (As of 12.1.24)

YES

A primary residence and auto are not counted as part of net worth. Ongoing non-reimbursable medical expenses may reduce the annual countable income.



If you checked EVERY box, this person may be eligible for the VetAssist® Program and the Department of Veterans Affairs' Pension with Aid and Attendance. Please refer this senior to us.

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# Information you need AT A GLANCE

## Helping Veterans & Surviving Spouses Receive In-Home Care With No Out-of-Pocket Costs

Our exclusive **VetAssist® Program** helps those wartime veterans (or their surviving spouses) who choose to apply for a little-known pension from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and use the pension primarily for private-duty home care or adult day care.

### Home Care Starts Before VA Funding Begins

The VA may take months to process a claim for Aid and Attendance. One of the best features of the VetAssist® Program is the no cost, interest-free loan that enables VetAssist clients to begin home care right away. When the VA approves the claim application, our clients receive VA funds retroactively from the date their application was filed. Clients then use their retroactive funds from the VA to repay their loan.

### What is "Aid and Attendance?"

This VA benefit is a pension paid to veterans or their survivors with an additional amount known as "Aid and Attendance" to assist those who are disabled and need help to live safely at home. While most people are aware that the VA compensates veterans who are injured or disabled as the result of military service, many are unaware that a pension exists for wartime veterans who do NOT have a service-connected disability.



#### **OUR MISSION**

To assist veterans, who protected our freedom, and their surviving spouses, stay in their homes and live with dignity.

Social workers, case workers, hospital discharge planners, rehab specialists, home health professionals and other home care providers have relied upon us since 2003.





Refer a wartime veteran or surviving spouse who may need our help.

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