



IMPORTANT CHANGES REGARDING NON-SERVICE CONNECTED PENSION BENEFIT ELIGIBILITY THROUGH THE VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Also known as Aid and Attendance Benefit

Effective October 18, 2018

- ⇒ **Net-worth Limits:** Net-worth limit is calculated by looking at total countable assets and annual income. The maximum community spouse resource allowance (CSRA) is \$123,600. You must be below this limit to qualify. If above this limit you must decrease your net-worth to qualify.
- ⇒ **Look-back and Penalty Period:** if moving funds into an irrevocable trust or immediate annuity, the look-back will be 3 years. Penalty begins the month after the last transfer occurred. Maximum penalty period is 5 years. A divisor is used based on the MAPR in effect on the date the pension claim at the aid and attendance level a veteran with one dependent is. Currently at \$2169.
- ⇒ **Purchasing an Annuity:** Any assets moved into an annuity to help spend-down net worth will now be penalized and factored into the 3-year look-back period. Monthly payments from an annuity will be counted as income.
- ⇒ **Spending Down Net-Worth:** You can only spend-down net-worth by spending on items and services for which fair market value is received.

Disclaimer: Please note we are not attorneys, nor are we attempting to provide legal advice. This is a brief overview of the new rules. For more information please visit: https://benefits.va.gov/PENSION/aid_attendance_housebound.asp or <https://www.medicaidannuity.com/major-changes-to-va-crisis-planning/>

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