

CANCER, SMC, AND TDIU

Cancer ratings can raise additional benefits, but each has separate legal requirements.



EVIDENCE PLATE

CLAIM FILE

SMC-K	Loss or loss of use Review creative-organ loss, anatomical loss, and other qualifying losses when raised by the record.	SMC-S	Statutory housebound A single total disability plus separate disabilities independently rated at 60 percent can qualify.
HB	Factual housebound Substantial confinement due to service-connected disability requires its own evidence.	A&A	Aid and attendance Document help needed with personal functions and protection from hazards.
TDIU	Unemployability After the active 100 percent phase, residuals that prevent substantially gainful employment may support TDIU.	MAX	Duty to maximize Evaluate reasonably raised ancillary benefits and distinct residuals without pyramiding.

