

SMC-L AID AND ATTENDANCE

Regular aid and attendance depends on actual personal assistance needs caused by service-connected disability.

FIVE INDEPENDENT PATHS TO SMC-L

ANY ONE MAY QUALIFY

1 Regular aid and attendance Service-connected disability requires regular help with personal functions or protection from daily hazards.	2 Permanently bedridden A service-connected condition actually requires the veteran to remain in bed. Prescribed rest alone is not enough.	3 Both feet Anatomical loss or loss of use of both feet.	4 One hand and one foot Anatomical loss or loss of use of one hand and one foot.	5 Bilateral blindness Blindness in both eyes with visual acuity of 5/200 or less.
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AID AND ATTENDANCE FACTORS

38 CFR 3.352(a)

Dressing, undressing, and keeping clean	Adjusting qualifying prosthetic or orthopedic appliances
Feeding due to loss of coordination or extreme weakness	Attending to the wants of nature
Regular protection from hazards in the daily environment	

One listed aid and attendance factor can be enough when the need is regular and caused by service-connected disability. Constant assistance is not required.

