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SPECIAL COMPENSATION FOR ASSISTANCE WITH ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING (SCAADL) PROGRAM

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Purpose: This issuance, in accordance with DoD Directive 5124.02, establishes policy, assigns responsibilities, provides procedures and implements the statutory authority for payment of SCAADL to eligible members, pursuant to Sections 373 and 439 of Title 37, United States Code (U.S.C.).

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SECTION 1: GENERAL ISSUANCE INFORMATION

1.1. APPLICABILITY. This issuance applies to OSD, the Military Departments, the Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Joint Staff, the Combatant Commands, the Office of the Inspector General of the Department of Defense, the Defense Agencies, the DoD Field Activities, and all other organizational entities within the DoD.

1.2. POLICY. It is DoD policy that:

a. SCAADL compensation may be paid to an eligible member of the Active or Reserve Component of the Military Departments who has a permanent catastrophic illness or injury that was incurred or aggravated in the line of duty and meets the criteria in Section 4.

b. In accordance with Title 37, U.S.C., the amount of monthly compensation is determined in accordance with Section 1720G(a)(3) of Title 38, U.S.C., based on the amount and degree of personal care services provided.

c. SCAADL compensation is paid in addition to any other pay and allowance to which the Service member is entitled and authorized, including primary caregiver respite benefits and other home health services in accordance with TRICARE Operations Manual (TOM) 6010.56-M.

d. Qualifying payments to Service members who receive SCAADL compensation, in accordance with Title 37, U.S.C., may be terminated in accordance with Section 5.

e. In accordance with DoD Instruction (DoDI) 1332.18, when the course of further recovery is relatively predictable or within 1 year of diagnosis, whichever is sooner, medical authorities will refer eligible Service members into the Disability Evaluation System.

1.3. INFORMATION COLLECTIONS. The SCAADL quarterly report referred to in Paragraph 3.g., has been assigned report control symbol DD-HA(A)2581 in accordance with the procedures in Volume 1 of DoD Manual 8910.01. The expiration date of this information collection is listed in the DoD Information Collection System at <https://apps.sp.pentagon.mil/sites/dodiic/Pages/default.aspx>.

SECTION 2: RESPONSIBILITIES

2.1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE FOR HEALTH AFFAIRS (ASD(HA)).

Under the authority, direction, and control of the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, the ASD(HA):

- a. Oversees the Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Services Policy and Oversight (DASD(HSP&O)) in the execution of programmatic and operational responsibilities for the SCAADL Program.
- b. Monitors the performance of the SCAADL Program and recommends improvements to the Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness in SCAADL policy.
- c. Reviews SCAADL Program policies, including those proposed by the Military Departments.
- d. Coordinates with the Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs (ATSD(PA)) to develop standard public affairs guidance to assist the Services in publicizing SCAADL implementation.

2.2. DASD(HSP&O). Under the authority, direction, and control of the ASD(HA), the DASD(HSP&O):

- a. Coordinates with the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower and Reserve Affairs and the Secretaries of the Military Departments to oversee, assess, and report the performance of the SCAADL Program and consider recommendations for changes in policy, procedure, or resources to improve the SCAADL Program.
- b. Monitors changes and proposed changes to military personnel and compensation statutes, DoD policy, and other pertinent authorities to assess their impact on the SCAADL Program and related benefits.
- c. Reviews the Military Departments' policies and procedures for the SCAADL Program that affect the uniformity of standards for separation, retirement for unfitness because of disability, or separation of Reserve Component Service members for medical disqualification.
- d. Oversees and provides guidance for the SCAADL Program in coordination with the Secretaries of the Military Departments and in consultation with the Veterans Healthcare Administration and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).
- e. Reviews the Defense Health Agency's policies and procedures for the SCAADL Program to ensure uniform administration of examinations and training for clinicians.
- f. In conjunction with the Secretaries of the Military Departments and the Director, Defense Health Agency, develops program planning, allocation, and use of healthcare resources for activities within the DoD related to the SCAADL Program.

g. Establishes reporting requirements and requests for information necessary to monitor and assess the performance of the SCAADL Program in accordance with Sections 4 and 5.

h. Analyzes the quarterly data the Military Departments submit to the DASD(HSP&O) as outlined in Paragraph 3.g.

i. Maintain a cumulative database of the SCAADL Program historical enrollment and participation.

j. Ensure all personally identifiable information submitted in the quarterly report and maintained in the cumulative database are used, maintained, and distributed in accordance with DoDI 5400.11 and DoD 5400.11-R.

2.3. ATSD(PA). The ATSD(PA) develops standard public affairs guidance to assist the Military Services in publicizing the SCAADL Program.

2.4. SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS. The Secretaries of the Military Departments:

a. Administer, implement, and provide guidance for the SCAADL Program within their respective Departments in accordance with this issuance.

b. Establish procedures to develop and implement standardized training programs, guidelines, and curricula for personnel who administer SCAADL processes.

c. Inform their respective military pay offices of the effective start and stop date of SCAADL payments.

d. Through their respective audit agencies, review compliance with the requirements contained in this issuance every 2 fiscal years for the preceding 2 fiscal year periods. The Secretaries of the Military Departments forward a copy of their final audit agency compliance reports to the ASD(HA).

e. Comply with the privacy procedures outlined in DoD Manual 6025.18, DoDI 1000.30, and Administrative Instruction 15.

SECTION 3: SCAADL PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE

In accordance with Paragraph 2.4.a., the Military Departments will establish procedures for their respective Departments to:

a. Develop and implement standardized training programs, guidelines, and curricula for Military Department personnel who administer SCAADL processes.

b. Inform permanent catastrophically ill or injured Service members (or their personal representatives) of their SCAADL Program eligibility.

c. Ensure Service-designated representatives certify that the Service member meets the non-medical criteria for SCAADL compensation (i.e., line of duty determination, if required, as well as identification of a designated primary caregiver), using DD Form 2948, "Application for Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living (SCAADL)." DD Form 2948 is available at <https://www.esd.whs.mil/Directives/forms/>.

d. Ensure DoD- or VA-licensed physicians certify that Service members meet the medical criteria for SCAADL compensation, using DD Form 2948, "Application for Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living (SCAADL)," located at <https://www.esd.whs.mil/Directives/forms/>. Military Department medical certification procedures will require:

(1) Periodic re-evaluation and recertification of Service members receiving SCAADL compensation is completed every 180 calendar days by a DoD- or VA-licensed physician.

(2) DoD- or VA-licensed physicians to recertify Service members receiving SCAADL compensation if the Service member's condition changes or if the Service member is hospitalized for 16 cumulative days or more within a 30 calendar-day period. DoD- or VA-licensed physicians will perform all other eligibility determinations required by the DD Form 2948.

(3) Recertification of Service members receiving SCAADL compensation when they have a change in clinical status.

e. Review and adjudicate the Service member's DD Form 2948 and any associated appeals for SCAADL. Reviews should include the physician's determination of eligibility, the clinical evaluation, and tier scoring. Decisions on appeals must be supported by additional medical review and opinions.

f. Ensure SCAADL compensation is adjusted, if necessary, if the Service member relocates to another geographic location. A Military Service representative must brief all changes in SCAADL compensation to the Service member and/or caregiver, and clearly explain the reason for such changes. The Service member will acknowledge in writing that he or she has received the compensation briefing and that he or she understands the SCAADL compensation changes.

g. Prepare and submit a quarterly report to the DASD(HSP&O) by the seventh business day of each fiscal quarter, which includes cases closed within the quarter and current enrollment of SCAADL Program members as of the last day of the reporting quarter. Quarterly reports should include pertinent eligibility data (i.e., SCAADL start date, SCAADL recertification date(s), SCAADL stop date, qualifying condition codes and descriptions, tier level, location) and any additionally requested program data.

SECTION 4: SCAADL PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATIONS

4.1. SCAADL PROGRAM CRITERIA. The provisions of this issuance apply only to those Service members who meet the eligibility criteria in this section on or after August 31, 2011. The issuance is not retroactive, and this program is voluntary for members.

a. Eligibility.

(1) Service members are eligible for this program if they:

(a) Have incurred or aggravated a permanent catastrophic illness or injury in the line of duty.

(b) Have been certified by a DoD- or VA-licensed physician to need assistance from another person to perform the personal functions required by everyday living, and, in the absence of such assistance, would require hospitalization, nursing home care, or other residential institutional care.

(c) Are an outpatient and have identified a designated primary caregiver. The designated primary caregiver:

1. May be a Service member assigned to the Reserve Component not serving on active duty. If the Service member designates a member of the Reserve Component as their primary caregiver, an alternate caregiver must also be designated. Members of the Active Component and Reserve Component assigned to active duty will not serve as designated primary caregivers.

2. Must not be receiving the VA Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers stipend or VA Aid and Attendance compensation in accordance with Paragraph 4.1.b.(2) and 4.1.b.(3).

3. May still be eligible to receive the respite benefit if they are qualified in accordance with TOM 6010.56-M.

4. Must be at least 18 years of age. The exception to this requirement is if the Service member's spouse is under 18 years of age, he or she may be the primary or alternate caregiver.

(d) Are outpatients and not receiving federally funded in-home services (other than respite care), including TRICARE, to assist with activities of daily living (ADL) or supervision to avoid harm to self or others.

(2) Service members receiving other home health services in accordance with TOM 6010.56-M remain eligible to receive SCAADL compensation, except as described in Paragraph 4.1.b.

b. Ineligibility. SCAADL is not paid:

(1) If any other federal agency is providing outpatient or in-home services to assist the Service member with ADL or with supervision to avoid the Service member harming himself or herself or others.

(2) If the Service member's primary caregiver receives a monthly caregiver stipend from the VA Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers in accordance with Section 1720G of Title 38, U.S.C.

(3) If the former Service member, now veteran, receives special monthly compensation from the VA in accordance with Section 1114(r)(2) of Title 38, U.S.C.

(4) The last day of the month during which a 90-day period ends after the Service member begins separation or retirement, even though the member has not begun to receive compensation pursuant to Section 1114(r)(2) of Title 38, U.S.C. before the end of such period.

(5) If the Service member qualifies for and accepts in-home assistance with ADL, supervisory, or protection needs paid with supplemental health care program funds and provided by a TRICARE-authorized home health agency.

(6) If the Service member enters hospice care. In accordance with TOM 6010.61-M, TRICARE will cover hospice care for those Service members. However, Service members in hospice care for the management of medication still qualify for the SCAADL Program.

c. Application. To the greatest extent possible, all responsible parties should complete the SCAADL Program application within 30 days from the date of the initial DoD or VA physician eligibility certification on the DD Form 2948. The DD Form 2948 will be used to document a Service member's eligibility for SCAADL.

(1) All personally identifiable information documented in the DD Form 2948 will only be used, maintained, and distributed in accordance with DoDI 5400.11 and DoD 5400.11-R.

(2) A DoD- or VA-licensed physician will initially certify that the Service member meets all the following requirements:

(a) Has a permanent, catastrophic illness or injury (incurred or aggravated in the line of duty).

(b) Needs assistance from another person to perform ADL or requires supervision or protection.

(c) In the absence of such assistance, requires hospitalization, nursing home care, or other residential institutional care.

(3) A DoD- or VA-licensed physician will assess and evaluate the Service member's need for assistance with ADL and supervision and protection requirements in accordance with Section 4 and DD Form 2948.

(4) The DoD- or VA-licensed physician will review the health care professional's assessment, and, if the Service member is deemed eligible, will certify the assessment on the DD Form 2948.

(a) The DoD- or VA-licensed physician will also certify that the Service member would require hospitalization, nursing home care, or residential institutional care in the absence of assistance with ADLs or supervision or protection requirements.

(b) If the physician is not affiliated with DoD or VA, then the Service member's unit commander or Service representative will make arrangements to have a DoD- or VA-licensed physician review the case and complete the eligibility and certification process.

(5) The Service-designated representative will certify the Service member's administrative eligibility or tier level for SCAADL in accordance with the instructions on DD Form 2948.

(6) The final section of the DD Form 2948 is the Service member's acknowledgement of the SCAADL eligibility decision and signature. If the Service member is not satisfied with the physician's certification or Service-designated representative's decision of SCAADL eligibility or tier level as determined in Section 6, the member can appeal the decision as stated in Paragraph 4.1.d.

(7) When a DoD- or VA-licensed physician approves an application, Service members who have a permanent, catastrophic illness or injury, incurred or aggravated in the line of duty, and meet SCAADL criteria may receive SCAADL payments.

d. Appellate Review.

(1) The Military Service concerned will provide Service members the opportunity to appeal disapproved SCAADL Program enrollment requests. When requested by the Service member or personal representative, the Military Service will review and issue a final determination on SCAADL Program enrollment and tier-level appeals and provide the Service member a written response that specifically addresses each issue presented in the appeal.

(2) Service members, or their personal representatives may appeal:

(a) The Military Service's disapproval decision to receive SCAADL compensation in accordance with respective Military Service appeal guidelines.

(b) Their dependency levels within the SCAADL Program in accordance with the concerned Military Service appeal guidelines.

4.2. FINAL AUTHORITY. The final approval authority for a Service member to receive SCAADL compensation will be detailed in the SCAADL implementing guidance of the Military Service concerned.

SECTION 5: SCAADL DESIGNATION PROCEDURES

5.1. SCAADL PROGRAM INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS. Service members, their caregivers, their personal representatives, and other persons to whom the Service member has given consent, will be informed and advised on the SCAADL Program by a designated program representative. Information will include:

- a. The Service member's potential eligibility for SCAADL.
- b. The requirement to designate a primary caregiver to provide non-medical care, support, and assistance for the Service member.
- c. The estimated monthly compensation will be based on the tier level and geographic location on the DD Form 2948, as determined by the criteria in Paragraph 5.2.
- d. The taxable income requirements of SCAADL compensation.
- e. The requirement of periodic (at least every 180 calendar days) re-evaluation and recertification of eligibility for SCAADL compensation, including a subsequent in-person or telephonic explanation, by a DoD- or VA-licensed physician, of the reasons for any changes in tier level scoring.

5.2. DETERMINATION OF COMPENSATION LEVEL.

- a. The compensation amount is based on the monthly amount a commercial home health care entity would generally pay an individual in the geographic area of the eligible Service member to provide equivalent personal care services.
- b. If caregiver assistance is provided outside the continental United States or in an area where commercial home health services are not available, then the U.S. national average for a commercial home health care entity will be used to determine the amount of monthly compensation.
- c. If a Service member meets all eligibility requirements stated, then the effective date of entitlement to SCAADL will be the date a DoD- or VA-licensed physician certifies the member meets the medical criteria for special compensation, subject to the availability of funds.

(1) A Service member entitled to SCAADL in accordance with this issuance for a continuous period of less than 1 month is entitled to SCAADL for each day of that period at the rate of 1/30 of the monthly amount of SCAADL.

(2) The rate for months with 31 days will be determined as 1/31 of the monthly SCAADL rate.

(3) The rate for February will normally be determined as 1/28 of the monthly SCAADL rate. The rate for a February leap year will be determined as 1/29 of the monthly SCAADL rate.

d. Service members who meet the criteria for payment of special compensation in accordance with this issuance and with Section 439 of Title 37, U.S.C. will have the qualifying payments continue until the earliest of the following dates:

(1) The last day of the month during which a 90-day period ends that begins on the date of the separation or retirement of the Service member. For example, March 1, 2014 (separation date) plus 90 days equals June 1, 2014 (last day of entitlement is June 30, 2014).

(2) The last day of the month during which a DoD- or VA-licensed physician or Military Service representative determines the Service member no longer meets the eligibility requirements of SCAADL, as outlined in this issuance.

(3) The last day of the month before the month in which the Service member begins receiving special monthly compensation from the VA in accordance with Section 1114(r)(2) of Title 38, U.S.C.

(4) The last day of the month before the month in which the Service member's primary caregiver receives a monthly caregiver stipend from the VA Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers in accordance with Section 1720G of Title 38, U.S.C.

(5) The last day of the month during which the Service member dies.

e. If an outpatient Service member becomes an inpatient for a period of at least 16 cumulative days, within a 30-day period, then the Service member will:

(1) Have SCAADL payment suspended until a post-discharge re-evaluation occurs.

(2) Be re-evaluated by a DoD- or VA-licensed physician, upon inpatient discharge, to determine further SCAADL eligibility.

5.3. REMOVAL FROM THE SCAADL PROGRAM.

a. If the Service member is returned to duty through rehabilitation, or is found fit by a Service physical evaluation board, or otherwise returned to duty status as unfit, but retained on active duty, then the Service member will be removed from the SCAADL Program in accordance with the Military Service's regulations. Termination effective date will be the last day of the month the Service member is no longer eligible under this provision.

b. Pursuant to Section 373 of Title 37, U.S.C., Service members will repay any SCAADL payments received after the end of the month in which SCAADL eligibility ended, except when:

(1) The Secretary of the Military Department concerned determines that the imposition of the repayment with regard to a Service member would be contrary to a personnel policy or management objective, would be against equity and good conscience, or would be contrary to the best interests of the United States.

(2) The Service member dies or is retired or separated with a combat-related disability.

- (3) The Service member receives a sole survivorship discharge.

SECTION 6: LEVEL OF MONTHLY COMPENSATION

6.1. OVERVIEW.

a. The Service member's DoD- or VA-licensed physician will certify the member's dependency level based on the degree to which the member is unable to perform one or more ADLs or the degree to which the member needs supervision or protection based on symptoms or residuals of neurological or other impairment or injury. Based on the clinical evaluation and score, the member will be rated as shown in Table 1.

Table 1. Three-Tier System

| Tier Level | Dependency | Description |
|------------|------------|--|
| 1 | Low | Service member who scores 1-12 will be presumed to require at least 10 hours per week of caregiver assistance. |
| 2 | Moderate | Service member who scores 13-20 will be presumed to require at least 25 hours per week of caregiver assistance. |
| 3 | High | Service member who scores 21 or higher will be presumed to require at least 40 hours per week of caregiver assistance. |

b. The amount of monthly compensation will be based on the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) wage rate for a home health aide in the member's geographic location. The BLS Website (www.bls.gov) provides the geographic location average pay rates. The BLS wage rates are updated annually and published effective January 1 of each year.

c. The monthly stipend calculator is available on the Military Compensation Website (militarypay.defense.gov). The amount of monthly compensation is calculated using the ZIP code of the geographic location where the Service member currently resides and the Service member's dependency level.

d. The amount of monthly compensation is calculated based on the BLS wage rate for a home health aide using the 75th percentile of the hourly wage rate where the Service member currently resides. The 75th percentile most accurately reflects the national hourly wage rate for the competencies to be performed.

6.2. THREE-TIER SYSTEM. The amount of compensation for each Service member will be based on a three-tier system recognizing the variation in complexity of care required by the Service member and provided by the caregiver. The compensation matrix consists of three tiers based on a clinical determination of the number of ADL needs of the Service member and the hours required by a caregiver to support each ADL or significant mental health or behavior impairment of the Service member requiring constant supervision.

a. The Military Service SCAADL representative makes the determination of the compensation payment by using the Service member’s clinical eligibility assessment outcomes from the DD Form 2948, which determines the clinical complexity and associated functional capability and the required hours of care. Results of the scales are given a numeric value that equates to ADL or supervision or protection needs (to avoid physical harm to self or others) points to determine the number of hours of care provided each week.

b. The maximum number of hours of care per week for the tier one (low dependency), tier two (moderate dependency), and tier three (high dependency) levels will be calculated with the BLS hourly wage for an experienced home health aide to determine the amount of compensation to the Service member.

6.3. SCAADL DETERMINATION.

a. The DoD- and VA-licensed physician’s tier level determination, as adjudicated, will be used to calculate the monthly compensation payments. The amount of the monthly SCAADL payment is calculated by this three-step process:

(1) **Step 1.** Determine the tier level for the Service member (Tier 1, Tier 2, Tier3), and maximum number of weekly personal care hours for the associated tier level (i.e., Tier 1 = 10 hours; Tier 2 =25 hours; Tier 3 = 40 hours).

(2) **Step 2.** Calculate the maximum allowable amount of monthly compensation by multiplying the maximum number of weekly personal care hours determined by the tier level in Step 1 against the BLS wage rate for a home-health aide in the geographic region the care was provided.

(3) **Step 3.** Multiply the results in Step 2 by 4.35, which equals the number of weeks in the month the primary caregiver provided care to the eligible Service member. For example, if an eligible Service member requires 20 hours of personal care services weekly and the 75th percentile of the BLS wage rate for a home health aide is \$10.00 per hour, then the monthly stipend for the primary caregiver would be \$1,087 a month (25 hours multiplied by \$10.00 multiplied by 4.35 equals \$1,087) in accordance with Section 1720G of Title 38, U.S.C., as shown in Table 2.

Table 2. Example of Three-Step Process

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|--------------------------------------|
| Step 1 |
| 25 hours |
| Step 2 (from the BLS website) |
| 4.35 weeks (\$10/hour) |
| Step 3 |
| 25 hours x \$10/hour x 4.35 weeks |
| Equals: \$1,087.00/month |

b. The Military Service SCAADL representative notifies the respective military pay site to start SCAADL compensation payments effective the date when a DoD- or VA-licensed physician certified the Service member met the medical criteria listed in Paragraph 4.1., subject to the availability of funds.

GLOSSARY

G.1. ACRONYMS.

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| ADL | activities of daily living |
| ASD(HA) | Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs |
| ATSD(PA) | Assistant to the Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs |
| BLS | Bureau of Labor Statistics |
| DASD(HSP&O) | Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Services Policy and Oversight |
| DoDI | DoD Instruction |
| SCAADL | Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living |
| TOM | TRICARE Operations Manual |
| U.S.C. | United States Code |
| VA | Department of Veterans Affairs |
| ZIP | Zone Improvement Plan (code) |

G.2. DEFINITIONS. These terms and their definitions are for the purposes of this issuance.

ADL. Feeding (including special diets, dressing and sheltering; personal hygiene; observation and general monitoring; bowel training or management (unless abnormalities in bowel function are of a severity to result in a need for medical or surgical intervention in the absence of skilled services); safety precautions; general preventative procedures (such as turning to prevent bedsores); passive exercise; transportation; and other such elements of personal care that can be reasonably performed by an untrained adult with minimal instruction or supervision.

ADL may also be referred to as “essentials of daily living” as defined in Part 199.2(b) of Title 32, Code of Federal Regulations.

For the purposes of eligibility for the SCAADL Program, ADL and “personal functions required in everyday living” are the same.

catastrophic illness or injury. A permanent, severely disabling illness, disorder, or injury incurred or aggravated in the line of duty that compromises the ability to perform ADL to such a degree that a Service member requires personal or mechanical assistance to leave home or bed, or requires constant supervision to avoid physical harm to self or others.

DoD- or VA-licensed physician. A DoD- or VA-licensed physician with medical expertise in the determination of medical disability by nature of their medical training or completion of training specifically with the intent and requirements of SCAADL evaluation and certification.

health care professional. Military or civilian personnel (including working under contractual or similar arrangement) who have received advanced education or training beyond the technical level in a recognized health care discipline and who are licensed, certified, or registered by a State, government agency, or professional organization to provide specific health services in that field. This includes those involved in the provision of diagnostic, therapeutic, or preventative care; ancillary services; and administration.

inpatient. A patient who is admitted to a hospital or clinic for treatment that requires at least one overnight stay.

line of duty. An inquiry to determine whether an injury or illness was incurred when the Service member was in a military duty status. If the Service member was not in a military duty status, whether it was aggravated by military duty; or whether it was incurred or aggravated due to the Service member's intentional misconduct or willful negligence.

outpatient. A patient who is not admitted into a hospital. Outpatient care includes care in emergency rooms, same day surgery centers, and ambulatory procedure clinics for patients who are not subsequently hospitalized overnight during the episode of care.

permanent. Lasting or remaining without essential change, not expected to change in status, condition, or place.

personal representative. A person designated by the Service member, or court-appointed guardian or other individual designated in accordance with DoD Manual 6025.18 to make SCAADL decisions on behalf of the Service member.

primary caregiver. An individual who helps an eligible Service member with ADL and/or specific services essential to the safe management of the Service member's condition.

Service-designated representative. An individual authorized to certify a Service member's SCAADL eligibility on DD Form 2948 on behalf of the respective Military Service.

TRICARE. The DoD health care program that provides health care coverage for medical services, medications, and dental care for military families, retirees and their families, and survivors.

REFERENCES

- Administrative Instruction 15, “OSD Records and Information Management Program,” May 3, 2013, as amended
- Code of Federal Regulations, Title 32, Part 199.2(b)
- DoD 5400.11-R, “Department of Defense Privacy Program,” May 14, 2007
- DoD Directive 5124.02, “Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness (USD(P&R)),” June 23, 2008
- DoD Instruction 1000.30, “Reduction of Social Security Number (SSN) Use Within DoD,” August 1, 2012
- DoD Instruction 1332.18, “Disability Evaluation System (DES),” August 5, 2014, as amended
- DoD Instruction 5400.11, “DoD Privacy and Civil Liberties Programs,” January 29, 2019
- DoD Manual 6025.18, “Implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule in DoD Health Care Programs,” March 13, 2019
- DoD Manual 8910.01, Volume 1, “DoD Information Collections Manual: Procedures for DoD Internal Information Collections,” June 30, 2014, as amended
- TRICARE Operations Manual 6010.56-M, “Contractor Responsibilities,” current edition
- TRICARE Operations Manual 6010.61-M, “TRICARE Reimbursement Manual,” current edition
- United States Code, Title 37
- United States Code, Title 38