

What is the Vietnam Veterans' Sons and Daughters Support Program?

The Vietnam Veterans' Sons and Daughters Support Program (VVS DSP) provides financial assistance for out-of-pocket medical expenses for certain conditions to children of Vietnam veterans.

Who is eligible?

You are eligible for the program if you are an Australian citizen residing in Australia, the birth child of a Vietnam veteran, and have medical certification for one or more of the following conditions:

- acute myeloid leukaemia;
- adrenal gland cancer;
- spina bifida manifesta;
- cleft lip; and/or
- cleft palate.

Financial assistance is only available for medical treatment required because of one of these conditions.

There is no age limit for assistance under this program.

What is covered under the program?

NON-HOSPITAL MEDICAL COSTS:

The program will pay the difference between the amount your health provider charges and the amount received from Medicare, private health insurance or all other sources (including the National Cleft Lip and Cleft Palate Program) that are payable for that service.

ASSISTANCE WITH HOSPITAL COSTS:

When you are treated in a public or private hospital as a private patient, providing you have the appropriate private health insurance, the program will cover out-of-pocket costs after refunds from Medicare and your private health insurance.

AIDS AND APPLIANCES:

Financial assistance for approved clinically necessary aids and appliances.

ALLIED HEALTH CARE:

Necessary allied care costs (such as physiotherapy) up to a maximum of \$4000 per financial year.

HOME CARE:

Necessary home care costs for persons living independently, including domestic assistance (\$1,560), personal care (\$6,500) and home and garden maintenance (\$1,300) in a financial year.

HOME MODIFICATION:

Clinically necessary home modifications not exceeding the amount of, or amounts totalling, \$7,500 per registered person within a five year period.

PHARMACEUTICAL:

VVS DSP will pay the amount above the concessional cost, for all PBS registered medications.

PHYSICAL REHABILITATION:

A physical rehabilitation program, excluding gym membership and recreational swimming fees.

RESPIRE CARE:

Necessary respite care, in any combination of in-home and institution-based care, up to \$4,000 in a financial year. In addition up to \$1,600 per financial year for emergency short-term respite care relief.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION:

Medically necessary travel and accommodation expenses may be provided if you live in a rural or remote location and are required to travel long distances to receive treatment. Additional travel and accommodation assistance is available to people with acute myeloid leukaemia or adrenal gland cancer including an authorised attendant.



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How do I receive assistance?

Please contact the Department of Veterans' Affairs (DVA) for a registration form by phoning 1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372) or by filling out the registration form available online:

VVSDSP - Application for Registration

The completed registration form must be sent with the following documents:

- a letter from an appropriate medical practitioner confirming that you have acute myeloid leukaemia, adrenal gland cancer, spina bifida manifesta, cleft lip and/or cleft palate.
- details of your veteran parent's service including their dates of service in Vietnam, their service number, or DVA file number.
- a certified copy of the full extract of your birth certificate.

If you are unable to provide this information yourself, your parent, guardian or power of attorney can do this on your behalf.

Once DVA has verified your eligibility, you will be registered on the program. DVA will then send you confirmation of registration and further information on how to claim.

Please post your registration form and required documents to:

The Program Manager

Vietnam Veterans' Sons and Daughters Support Program (VVSDSP)

Department of Veterans' Affairs

GPO Box 9998

Brisbane QLD 4001

Alternatively these can be emailed to VVSDSP@dva.gov.au

Further Information:

For information on whether you qualify, about registering, or to access a registration form, please contact DVA on:

1800 VETERAN (1800 838 372)

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