

OASIS Group Transition Tips

The VA will be looking for the following conditions to be met:

1. Your injuries occurred during service – or – worsened due to service.
2. Your injuries are chronic.
3. Your injuries were diagnosed – or – confirmed by past diagnosis in the last 12 months of service by a credentialed provider (MD, DO, PA or NP) to exist and are chronic in nature.
4. Your injuries have supporting ancillary testing , X-Rays, CT, MRI, labs, etc.

Our recommendations are to start going through your records writing each injury and when it was first diagnosed and each follow up treatment for that injury on a piece of paper prior to sitting down with a claims officer so that you can make the best use of the time.

Additionally,

Make your own file.

Get a manila folder. Punch holes on either side and insert document clips. On the right side put a copy of everything you send to the VA. Make sure you put the date that you mailed it. On the left side put everything the VA sends you.

This makes an excellent tracking system for your claims. There are timelines the VA must follow. When combined with a copy of your existing claims file, you will have a comprehensive history of what or what not the VA has done for you and if they followed the timelines.

Temporary 100% evaluations

If you ever have surgery for a condition that you are service connected for, and the doctor prescribes 30 days or more of no work, convalescence etc. file a claim for this.

Under the law (38 CFR part 4.30) you are entitled to a temporary 100 percent evaluation for that condition from the day of surgery until the first day of the month following the prescribed convalescent period

CRDP/CRSC What is it?

1. CRDP or Concurrent Receipt of Disability Pay is the entitlement to receive retirement pay and VA disability compensation at the same time.
 - a. You need to do nothing.



b. This is automatically taken care of by the VA and DoD.

2. CRSC or Combat Related Special Compensation

a. Is for wounds, injuries, or conditions that were caused by combat, and implement of war or training for war.

b. You have to meet the retirements and other criteria.

Spousal Aid & Attendance

Should your wife become ill or have an injury that requires the assistance of another person in performing the activities of daily living, and you are a service connected veteran with a disability of 30 percent or more, you may be entitled to extra compensation to offset the need to care for your spouse.

Have you wife's physician fill out VA form 21-2680 and send it to your VA Regional Office for consideration. You can download this form from the web.

Parental Aid & Attendance

The same benefit as above applies to the parents of a service connected veteran if the parents are dependent on the children.

Be advised if the parent is a wartime veteran NSC Pension is the greater benefit in many cases.

