ADDING A DEPENDENT ONLINE THROUGH eBENEFITS

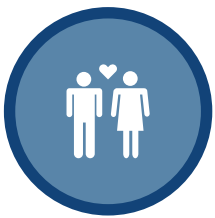**VA** | U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

30% OR HIGHER
VA DISABILITY RATING

If you have a 30% or higher disability rating from VA, you may be eligible for more money to support your family by adding your dependents to your benefits. The fastest way to add a dependent is online through eBenefits at **www.eBenefits.va.gov**.

ELIGIBLE DEPENDENTS

SPOUSE
includes spouses in same-sex marriages and common-law marriages

CHILDREN
(biological, adopted, step-children) who are: unmarried and under the age of 18 OR between 18-23 and attending school full-time OR severely disabled

PARENTS
whose income and net worth are below the limit set by the law

NOTE:
Parents and spouses in common law marriages, cannot be added to your benefits online through eBenefits. To add a parent as a dependent, use VA Form 21-509, Statement of Dependency of Parents and to add a spouse from a common law marriage, submit VA Form 21-686c, Declaration of Status of Dependents.

If you didn't include your dependents in your original disability claim, file your online dependency claim as soon as you get your 30% or higher disability rating from VA.

- Filing online is the fastest way to get your dependency claim.

- You can get a decision in as little as 48 hours.

- You must have a Premium eBenefits account.

- Click, "Add or Remove Dependent" under the Apply section.

- Fill out all the information required in the step-by-step application. **Don't leave anything blank.**

- Make sure all your information is accurate before you click "Submit."

- VA will contact you if they have questions or need more information about your claim.

Submitted a paper dependency claim, but still haven't received a decision?

Re-submit your claim online.
If awarded, you'll start receiving your benefits sooner and will be paid back to when you submitted your paper claim.

VETERAN SERVICE ORGANIZATION

Work with an accredited Veterans Service Organization (VSO).
They can answer any questions you have or even file your dependency claim online for you.

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www.benefits.va.gov/compensation/add-dependents.asp   1 (800) 827-1000