



Compensation Benefits Fraud

Disability compensation is a tax-free monetary benefit paid to veterans with disabilities resulting from a disease or injury incurred or aggravated during active military service. Compensation may also be paid for post-service disabilities related to (or secondary to) disabilities occurring in service. Compensation benefits fraud involves individuals' submission of fraudulent claims for payment. Indicators include the following:

- The beneficiary is observed engaging in physical activity or employment inconsistent with the nature of their claimed service-connected disability (e.g., maintains a commercial driver's license when receiving disability compensation for blindness).
- The beneficiary has a disability rating at the highest level (100% for a service-connected disability) but appears to not be receiving any medical treatment for that condition.
- A deceased veteran's benefits are being paid (due to lack of notice, concealment of the death, or administrative error) and appear to be used by ineligible individuals.
- The monthly benefits payments for multiple beneficiaries are being deposited into the same bank account.
- The beneficiaries' method of payment is changed without their knowledge.

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