

VA Online Letter #7

The Nuts and Bolts Guide to Veterans Benefits

The elder care journey: It's a minefield out there!

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The VA benefit can provide a substantial monthly benefit for a frail, disabled veteran or survivor spouse. As an elder law attorney, I recognize the enormous benefit it is to stay home longer with the financial assistance of the VA. Unfortunately, it is our experience that 90% of the individuals who qualify for VA benefits will decline significantly over the next two to three years. That's right—90% of the folks who qualify for VA benefits while they are either housebound or in assisted living facilities will move to full skilled nursing facility care. Sure, some people will die during their declining period, but 90% survive and they will need skilled nursing care 24/7.

The following illustration, called “The Elder Care Journey,” provides a map of the stops along the way. The important thing to understand is that the VA benefit is helpful for only a limited number of people and for a limited amount of time.

An elder law attorney is a trustworthy guide for the client and the client's family for all of the significant problems that will arise as the senior travels this pathway. It is our job to counsel our clients so that they are never out of money and never out of options as they take the elder care journey.

[Click to view “The Elder Care Journey”](#)

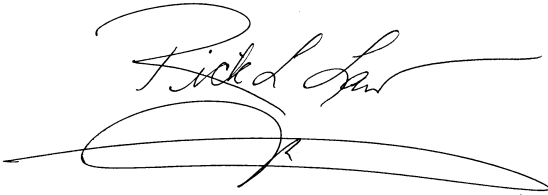
We are available to assist you and your family to avoid the land mines that lay along the elder care pathway. Our goal is to provide our clients who face long-term disability care with:

- The best financial results;
- The best health care options;
- Peace of mind; and
- Preservation of personal dignity.

If you are a senior facing long-term care or someone who loves a senior dealing with long-term care issues, then contact us today for a free no-obligation discussion of your heartfelt concerns and care-giving burdens.

We walk alongside of our fragile clients and shine a light ahead into the darkness. We have walked this path before.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rick L. Law". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Elder law attorney serving seniors and those who love them

After reading this information, we strongly recommend that you contact an elder law attorney such as those at Law ElderLaw to determine if you qualify. An elder law attorney can assist you and your family by explaining many difficult-to-understand things about long term care. Qualification for a VA benefit is only one of several concerns that must be considered. As you struggle to provide dignified long term care for a wartime veteran and/or surviving spouse, we can help you understand the options. We are your advocates, and we want to help you stretch your hard-earned dollars further. VA benefits are only one part of the puzzle. We will hold your hand and guide you every step of the way as we consider all of your family's resources and needs.

Contact Us:

<http://www.lawelderlaw.com/contact-va-benefits.htm>

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