

DSO EXERCISE

The American Legion Department Service Officers Course

Lesson 3.4, Aid and Attendance / Long Term Care

Instructions:

Match each Veteran's case with the most applicable rating for Special Monthly Compensation (SMC). HINT: Read through all of the ratings first; then go back and find the Veteran that best fits each rating.

Work as a team to develop a team solution. You have 10 minutes.

<u>VETERAN'S CASE</u>	<u>SMC Rating</u>
_____ 1. Joan was honorably discharged from service three years ago. She is unable to dress, eat, or bathe without assistance, ever since her car was totaled six weeks ago.	a. Veteran qualifies for a higher level of A&A care
_____ 2. Alan was medically discharged after a friendly fire incident in close quarters urban combat. He is highly disoriented, suicidal, and has persistent hallucinations, for which he was given a 100% disability rating for PTSD. He is unable to leave the house or be left alone without the risk of hurting himself or others. He also has bilateral foot and back conditions that give him a combined rating of 60%.	b. Veteran qualifies for A&A because their disability is service-connected and they have a valid need for care on a regular basis
_____ 3. Max lost a leg to an IED in Fallujah. He needs daily help with dressing, bathing, and adjusting his prosthetic leg.	c.. Veteran is housebound in fact
_____ 4. Ralph has been confined to his bed ever since his spinal cord was severed in a helicopter accident in Afghanistan. He recently developed bed sores that became infected, so he was moved to a VA hospital, where he has developed bacterial pneumonia.	d. Veteran is entitled to receive a statutory housebound rating, and the Veteran qualifies for a higher level of A&A care
_____ 5. Isaac's left and right feet had to be amputated after his HUMVEE was ambushed in Ramadi. (This gives him a 100% rating.) Isaac is confined to his home. His wife is a Registered Nurse who works part time.	e. Veteran does not qualify for A&A because their disability is not service-connected
_____ 6. Penny served as an Army nurse during the Vietnam war. She became totally blind and profoundly deaf in both ears when her MASH unit came under mortar fire. Now in her 70's, Penny has been living at home and receiving the maximum compensation rate (category 'o'). Now she has developed Type II diabetes and requires daily injections of insulin as well as care for a wound on her left thigh from a recent fall.	f. Veteran's Special Monthly Compensation (SMC) amount will be decreased