

List of Possible Medical Expenses (For 21-8416)

Examples of different types of medical expenses are listed below. This list is not all-inclusive. You should report any unreimbursed expenses, which you have paid and which may be reasonably related to medical care. The VA will determine which are allowable expenses under the law. Ask your representative if you are unsure if an expense is covered.

You must have income other than just VA pension payments to qualify for these expenses.

Abdominal Supports	Optician
Acupuncture	Optometrist
Ambulance	Oral Surgery
Anesthetist	Osteopath
Arch Supports	Pediatrician
Artificial Limbs and Teeth	Physical Examinations
Back Supports	Physical Therapist
Braces	Podiatrist
Cardiographs	Prescription Drugs
Chiroprapist	Psychiatrist
Convalescent Home (Medical Treatment Only)	Psychoanalyst
Crutches	Psychologist
Dental Services	Psychotherapy
Dentures	Radiation Therapy
Dermatologist	Sacroiliac Belt
Eyeglasses and Eye Care	Seeing-eye Dog and Maintenance
Food or Beverages (Prescribed) •	Speech Therapy
Gynecologist	Telephone or Special Communications Equipment
Hearing Aids and Batteries	Vaccines
Home Health Services	Vitamins (Prescribed)
Hospital Expenses	Whirlpool Baths (Medical Purposes)
Insulin and Diabetic Supplies	X-Rays
Invalid Chair, Wheelchairs, Walkers	
Lab Tests	
Lip Reading, Sign Language Classes (Deaf)	
Neurologist	
Nursing Services and Nurse's Board	
Occupational & Physical Therapy	
Ophthalmologist	

Transportation Expenses for Medical Purposes at \$0.20 per mile plus parking, tolls or actual other fees e.g. taxi, busses etc. YOU MUST KEEP A LOG.

- Food or Beverages must be for treatment of an illness and not a substitute for a regular diet. A Doctor's statement or prescription is needed.
- Medical insurance premiums and co-pay charges including Medicare Part B are covered.
- Over-the-counter drugs and items must have a doctor's statement or prescription.

You must have paid medical expenses during the reporting period and you have not been reimbursed by insurance or otherwise. You should report the total unreimbursed amount you paid for medical expenses for yourself and family member you are under an obligation to support. You may include premiums paid for health, sickness, or hospitalization insurance. In computing your countable income, the VA will exclude the amounts you paid for medical expenses if they qualify under the formula set by law.

- Medical, legal or other expenses incurred because of a disability (disease or injury) for which civilian disability benefits have been awarded are deductible from the payments received for the year in which the expenses are paid in computing annual income for VA purposes. Do not include any expense for which you have been reimbursed.

