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**HISA**

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Improvement  
and  
Structural  
Alteration

Before HISA  
improvements



After HISA  
improvements



 Employee Education System



# HOME IMPROVEMENT AND STRUCTURAL ALTERATIONS PROGRAM (HISA)

## What is HISA

Under the Home Improvements and Structural Alterations (HISA) program, Veterans with service-connected disabilities or Veterans with nonservice-connected disabilities may receive assistance for any home improvement necessary for the continuation of treatment or for disability access to the home and essential lavatory and sanitary facilities.

A HISA grant is available to Veterans who have received a medical determination indicating that improvements and structural alterations are necessary or appropriate for the effective and economical treatment of his/her disability. A Veteran may receive both a HISA grant and either a Special Home Adaptation (SHA) grant or a Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) grant.

## What HISA WILL Pay For

- Allowing entrance or exit from Veterans home
- Improving access for use of essential lavatory and sanitary facilities
- Improving access to kitchen and bathroom counters
- Handrails
- Lowered Electrical outlets and switches
- Improving paths or driveways
- Improving plumbing/electrical work for dialysis patients

## What HISA WILL NOT Pay For

- Walkways to exterior buildings
- Widening of driveways (in excess of a 7ft x 6ft area)
- Spa, hot tub or Jacuzzi
- Exterior decking (in excess of 8ft x 8ft)

## Limits on HISA Grants

The HISA program is available for both **service-connected** Veterans and **nonservice-connected** Veterans.

- Home improvement benefits up to **\*\$4,100** may be provided to **service-connected** Veterans.
- Home improvement benefits up to **\*\$1,200** may be provided to **nonservice-connected** Veterans.

\*Subject to change

## Applying for a HISA Grant

In order to receive an HISA grant, **the Veteran must first have a prescription from a VA or fee-basis physician.** This must include:

- Specific items required.
- The diagnosis with medical justification.
- The Veterans' name, address, SSN and phone number(s).

**To apply, the Veteran must first provide:**

- A completed VA Form 10-0103, VETERANS APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE In Acquiring Home Improvement and Structural Alterations If a leased or rented property, written permission from the owner
- Quotes from at least 3 licensed contractors (if required by state law), to include:
  - The contractors name, address, telephone and Federal tax ID number or social security number
  - The Veterans name, address and telephone number.
  - Plans and drawings
  - An itemized list of estimated materials, cost and labor cost.
- All permits required (it is the contractors responsibility to obtain these)
- A picture of the work site prior to construction