

New Veteran's Administration Policy for ALS



As of September 23, 2008 veterans with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) and their survivors are eligible for service connected benefits, including full health coverage, disability compensation and many other benefits.

The new policy generally applies to any veteran with ALS who served at least 90 continuous days on active duty, regardless of where or when they served in the military and regardless of how soon they were diagnosed with the disease following discharge from the military. Importantly, survivors are also eligible for benefits even if the veteran passed before the new policy was implemented.

1. Local Veterans Service Offices (Veteran's Advocates)
www.cacvso.org/ContentPage.asp?ContentID=71
2. Paralyzed Veterans Association (for questions and advocacy regarding assistance and filing)
www.pva.org
3. National Association of County Veteran Service Officers (promotes the rights of veterans and dependents)
www.nacvso.org
4. Local VA office
www2.va.gov/directory/guide/home.asp?isFlash=1
5. Join the Roll Call! Veterans with ALS can stay up-to-date on the latest developments at the VA and learn how they can advocate for other issues important to veterans.
www.alsabayarea.org/advocacy
6. The ALS Association provides a wealth of information about Veterans Benefits at
<http://capwiz.com/alsa/home/>

You can find out more about:

- Applying for VA Benefits
- The summary of the September 23, 2008 VA regulation
- Regulation text released by the Department of Veteran's Affairs
- Disability Compensation General and Detailed Information
- Automotive and Adaptive Equipment Grants
- Home Modification Grants
- Special Monthly Compensation Payments
- Survivors Benefits DIC
- Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits

The ALS Association is the:

- *preeminent organization and catalyst in funding and promoting ALS research;*
- *most comprehensive provider of care and support services to the ALS Community through our coordinated network of Chapters, Certified Centers and clinics;*
- *leading advocate and voice for the ALS Community; and*
- *recognized authority and most trusted source of information and education about ALS.*

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PARALYZED VETERANS OF AMERICA



ATTENTION VETERANS with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease)

The PVA assists veterans who with Spinal Cord Injuries (SCI) or those with diseases like ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) with VA claims for increase, service-connection, non-service connected pensions, clothing allowance, vocational rehabilitation and other benefits.

**There is no charge for the Paralyzed Veterans
of America to represent or assist you.**

We are located at the Oakland Federal Building.

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We Help All Veterans with Disabilities!!!!