Pension and fiduciary service

PMC VSR Intermediate Core Course  
Phase 5: Proficiency Development  
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Introduction to Special Monthly Pension (SMP), Aid & Attendance (A&A), and Housebound (HB)

Appendix A

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Practice Exercise 1: SMP Provisions

**Directions**: Assume all other criteria are met, and after having read 38 CFR 3.351 and 38 CFR 3.352, match the correct provision that would be used for each scenario:

1. It was determined that the permanently housebound requirement was met when Ms. Martha, the surviving spouse was substantially confined to her home.

Response:

1. The higher-level aid-and-attendance allowance was granted when the Jacob Veteran’s need was clearly established and the amount of services required by the Mr. Veteran daily became substantial.

Response:

1. Mary Veteran’s need for a higher level of care is considered to be the need for personal health-care services provided on a daily basis in the Ms. Veteran’s home. Charity is licensed and provides the services.

Response:

1. Tom Veteran receives personal health-care services including such services as physical therapy and the regular supervision of a trained health-care professional to perform.

Response:

1. Henry Veteran is permanently housebound by reason of his disabilities. It was determined that this requirement was met when Mr. Veteran was confined to the immediate premises of the Helping Service institution. It was also determined that his disabilities will continue throughout his or her lifetime.

Response:

1. Charlie, the surviving parent of John Veteran, is in need of regular aid and attendance because he is a patient in a nursing home due to his physical incapacity.

Response:

1. Increased pension is payable to a surviving spouse by reason of need for aid and attendance, or if not in need of aid and attendance, by reason of being housebound.

Response: