



Providing Emotional Support to Veterans

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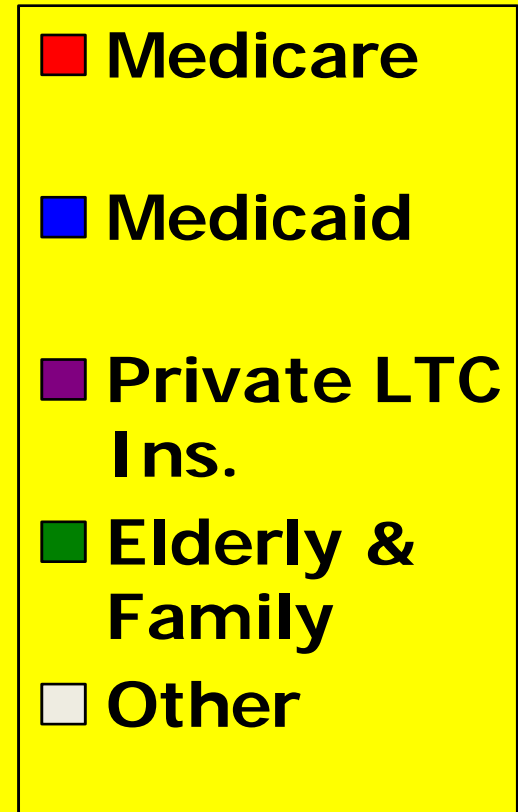
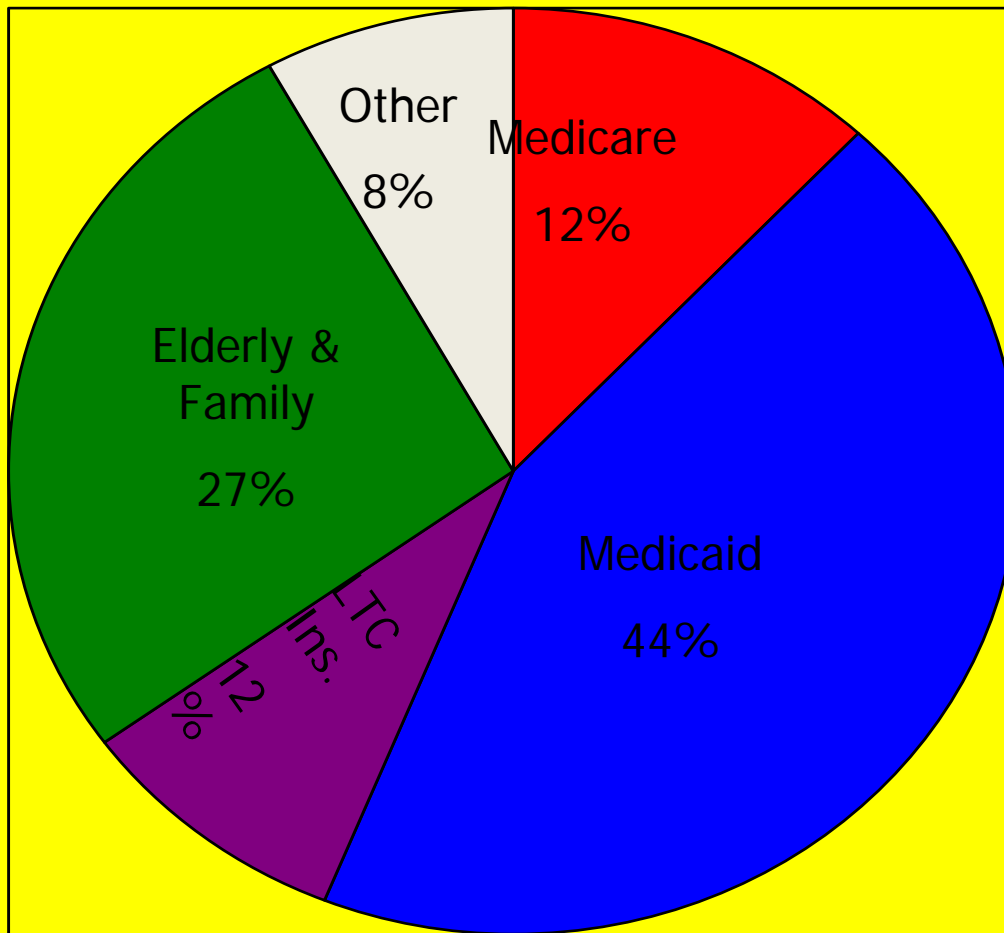
"Materials that are included in this course may include interventions and modalities that are beyond the authorized practice of mental health professionals.

As a licensed professional, you are responsible for reviewing the scope of practice, including activities that are defined in law as beyond the boundaries of practice in accordance with and in compliance with your professions standards."

Topics Overview

- **Veteran's VA Compensation**
- **Veteran's VA Pension**
- **Survivor's Dependency and Indemnity Compensation**
- **Survivor's Death Pension**
- **VA Benefits for Caregivers**

Who is Paying the Cost?



Veteran's
Service connected
Disability



Compensation

Veteran's
Non-service connected
Disability



Pension

Compensation--Service Connected Disabilities

Monthly Payments

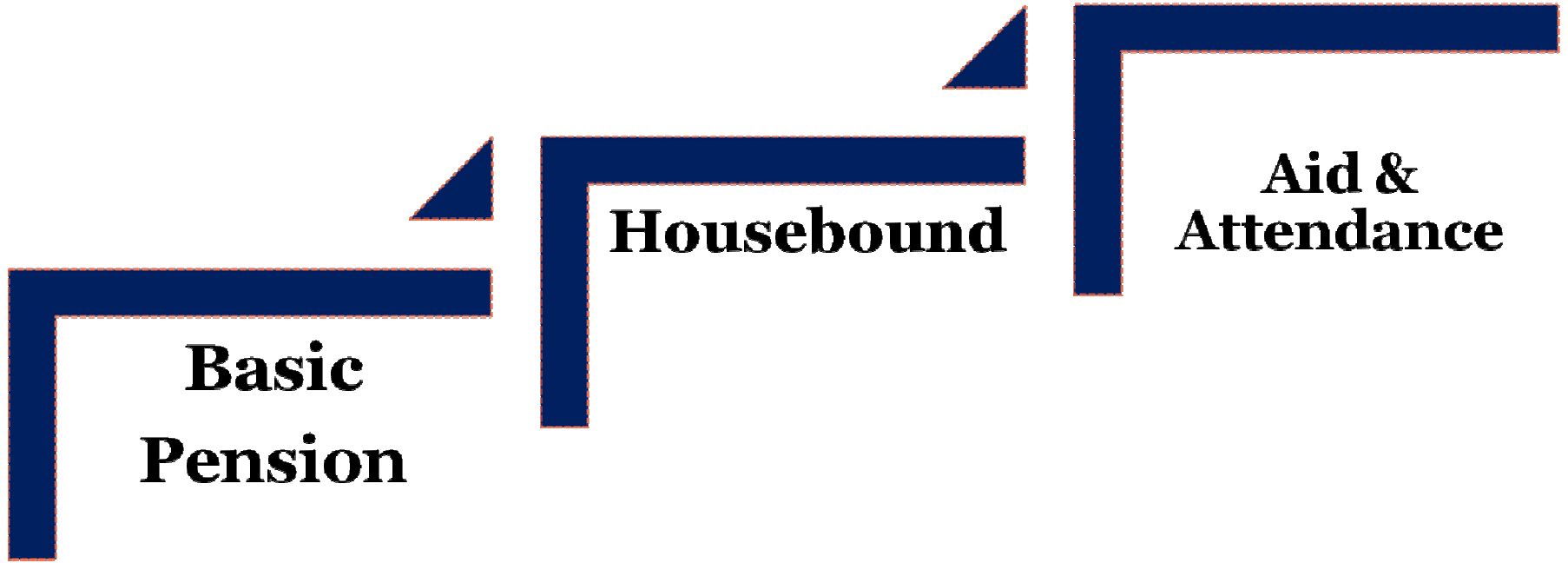
- 10% \$133.00
- 100% up to \$3,458
- 100% with SMC up to \$8,555



**VA Pension
for
Non-Service
Connected
Disabilities**



Levels of Pension



**Basic
Pension**

Housebound

**Aid &
Attendance**

Basic Eligibility for Benefits



Veteran

A person who has served active duty in the military, naval, or air service with a discharge other than dishonorable





VA Benefits for Family Members



Survivor's Monetary Benefits

Service connected
Disability



**Dependency &
Indemnity
Compensation**

Non-service connected
Disability



Death Pension

OGC Accreditation Search Page



www.va.gov/ogc/apps/accreditation/Index.asp

VA Long Term Care

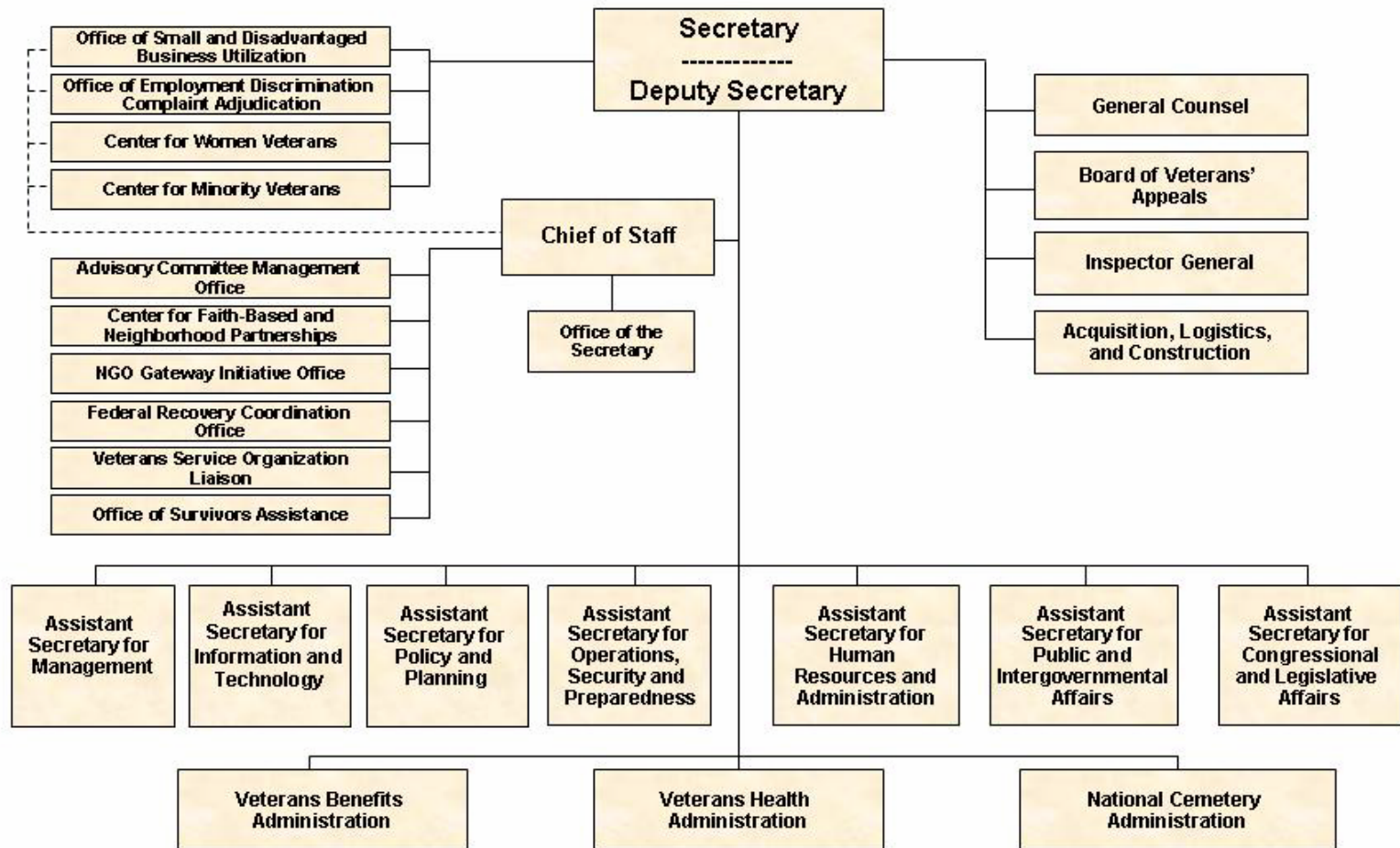
Home Health Care

State Veterans Nursing Home

VA Community Living Centers

Contract Community Nursing Home

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Who Can Charge?

Filing Application--No one can charge a fee

VA Accredited Attorney or Accredited Agent may charge a fee, but ONLY if the claim has been denied and is being appealed

Assisted living facilities, home care agencies, nursing homes, etc. are prohibited from paying for assistance

Claimants, immediate family members, and other interested third parties cannot be charged

2010 Omnibus Act for Caregivers



Veteran Eligibility

- **Post Sept. 11, 2001 Veterans**
- **Serious injury including TBI**
- **Need personal care services for ADLs**

Caregiver Benefits

- **Monthly stipend**
- **Health insurance coverage**
- **Travel expenses for taking the Veteran to health care appointments**
- **Respite care not less than 30 days per year**
- **Mental Health services**

THANK YOU!

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