

HEALTH CARE BENEFITS FOR CHILDREN OF VIETNAM VETERANS

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**I. POLICY**

A. Attendants are allowed travel expenses, to include transportation, meals, lodging and incidentals, when preauthorized. The allowance will be the lesser amount of either:

1. The amount of the commercial accommodation allowance payable for the period the beneficiary is in the hospital, or

2. The mileage allowance that would have been payable if the attendant had returned home at the time of the hospital admission and back to the hospital upon the beneficiary's discharge (two roundtrips).

B. Payment for meals, lodging and incidentals will be based on the current General Services Administrations (GSA) per diem rates applicable to the travel destination (state/county/city). Payment for mileage will be based on the current GSA mileage rate.

C. Claims for reimbursement must include any lodging receipt(s) and a receipt for any authorized travel expense over \$75.00.

D. Professional attendants (i.e., RN, LPN LVN) may be reimbursed a professional fee.

**II. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS**

Preauthorization is required.

**III. LIMITATIONS**

When the attendant travels with the beneficiary by privately owned vehicle (POV), mileage may be claimed and reimbursed **only** to the beneficiary.

**IV. EXCLUSIONS**

A. Charges that exceed the determined allowable amount are not reimbursable.

B. Non-professional attendants (i.e., relatives, friends) may not be reimbursed a professional fee (hourly wage).

**\*END OF POLICY\***