

benefits claims. A veteran or survivor who is granted benefits under the *Procopio* rule and whose claim for the same condition was previously denied on or after September 25, 1985, may be entitled to a retroactive award if he or she submits a claim for such award in accordance with the BWN Act.

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Signing Authority

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Cost of Living Adjustments for Service-Connected Benefits

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by the Veterans' Compensation Cost-of-Living Adjustment Act of 2019, Public Law (Pub. L.) 116-58, the Department of

Veterans Affairs (VA) is hereby giving notice of adjustments in certain benefit rates. These adjustments affect the compensation program.

DATES: These adjustments became effective on December 1, 2019, the date provided by Public Law 116-58.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 2 of Public Law 116-58 provides for an increase in each of the rates in sections 1114, 1115(1), and 1162 of title 38, United States Code (U.S.C.). VA is required to increase these benefit rates by the same percentage as increases in the benefit amounts payable under title II of the Social Security Act. The increased rates are required to be published in the **Federal Register**.

The Social Security Administration has announced that there will be a 1.6 percent cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits for 2020. Therefore, applying the same percentage, the following rates (beginning on page 3) for VA's compensation program became effective on December 1, 2019:

Disability evaluation percent	Monthly rate
Disability Compensation [38 U.S.C. 1114]	
10	\$142.29
20	281.27
30	435.69
40	627.61
50	893.43
60	1,131.68
70	1,426.17

Disability evaluation percent	Monthly rate
80	1,657.80
90	1,862.96
100	3,106.04
(38 U.S.C. 1114(k) through (t)):	
38 U.S.C. 1114(k)	\$110.31
38 U.S.C. 1114(l)	3,864.90
38 U.S.C. 1114(m)	4,265.31
38 U.S.C. 1114(n)	4,852.09
38 U.S.C. 1114(o)	5,423.45
38 U.S.C. 1114(p)	5,423.45
38 U.S.C. 1114(r)	2,326.23; 3,465.63
38 U.S.C. 1114(s)	3,476.65
38 U.S.C. 1114(t)	3,465.63

Additional Compensation for Dependents [38 U.S.C. 1115(1)]

38 U.S.C. 1115(1):	
38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(A)	\$173.18
38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(B)	300.00; 86.05
38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(C)	115.81; 86.05
38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(D)	138.98
38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(E)	332.00
38 U.S.C. 1115(1)(F)	277.96

Clothing Allowance

[38 U.S.C. 1162]

\$830.56 per year

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