

**STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA
DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
DEPARTMENT POLICIES**

SUBJECT: Hardship Assistance Grant - Allowable Expenses

POLICY NO:
415

DISTRIBUTION: Department Personnel
Veteran Service Officers

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- 1) Medical expenses allowed to be deducted from net income:
 - a. Medical insurance premiums, i.e., health, hospital, optical, dental, Medicare, Long-Term care
 - b. Prescription drug costs
 - c. Payments of ongoing medical bills
 - i. Based on monthly average of last calendar year total
 - ii. Actual current year expenses not included in previous year
 - d. Ongoing medical expenses for applicant's certified service animal
 - e. Over-the-counter medical products
 - f. Mileage allowable:
 - i. Ongoing care or required treatment plan requiring travel beyond a oneway 25-mile driving distance from home
 - ii. Calculated based on the state rate
 - iii. Documentation will be required
 - iv. Cannot be claimed if being reimbursed by other sources
 - g. Rent for Long term care facility if receiving Medicaid or VA Aid and Attendance
 - i. Documentation required
 - h. Assisted or Independent living facility expenses for Activities of Daily Living assistance.
 - i. Dressing
 - ii. Transferring
 - iii. Bathing
 - iv. Prescription management
 - v. Documentation required
- 2) Documentation required for medical expenses
 - a. Monthly medical expenses less than \$200 total do not require documentation
- 3) After all other deductions, 20% of net income may be deducted for living expenses.