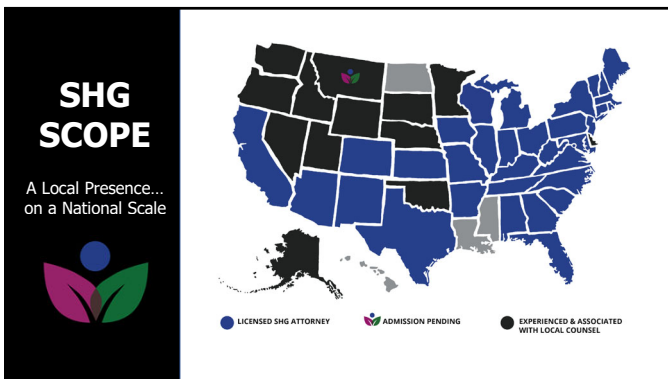


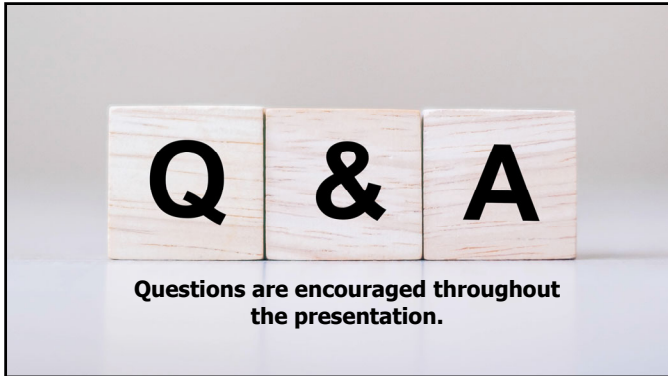
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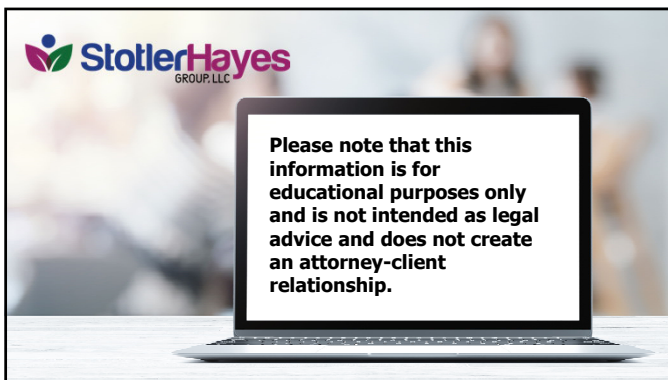
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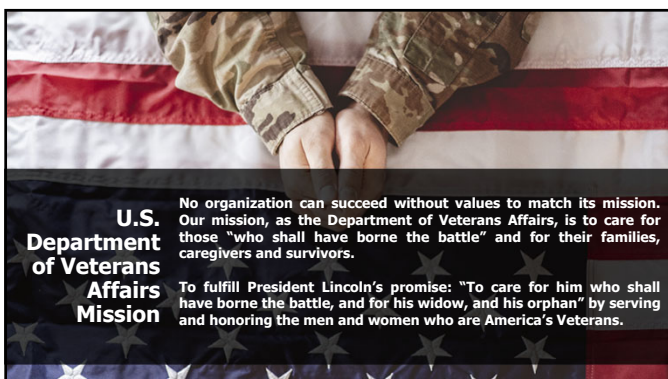
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Frequent Provider Related VA Issues:

- ✦ VA Benefits and the Eligibility Process
- ✦ VA Provider Contracts and Payment Delays
- ✦ Garnishment of VA Income and VA Indebtedness

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VA Benefit Categories

- ✦ Veterans & Survivors Pension
 - ✦ Aid and Attendance
 - ✦ Homebound

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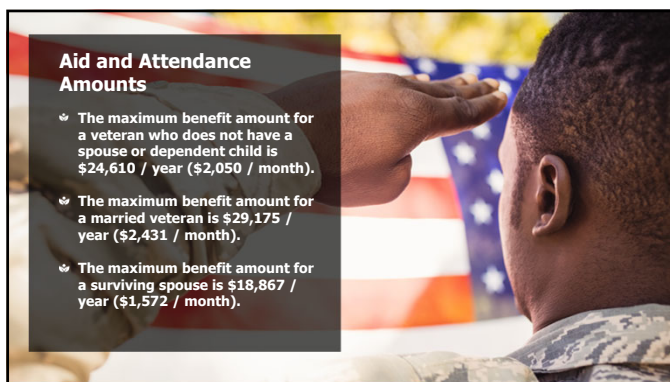
Basic Veterans Pension and Survivors Pension

- ✦ **Eligibility:** This is available to low-income war-time Veterans who are ALSO:
 - ✦ 65 or older, or
 - ✦ Totally and permanently disabled, or
 - ✦ Living in a nursing home receiving skilled nursing care, or
 - ✦ Receiving Social Security Disability Insurance, or
 - ✦ Receiving Supplemental Security Income

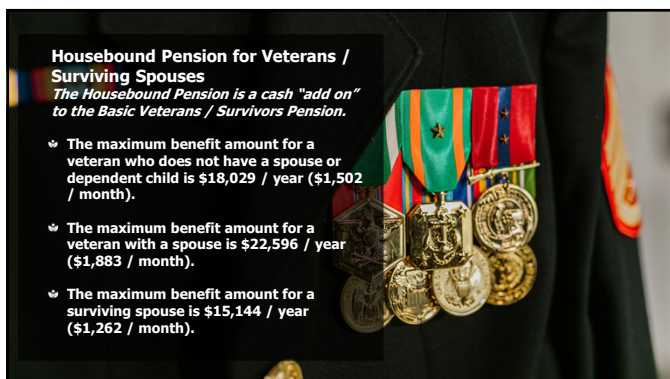
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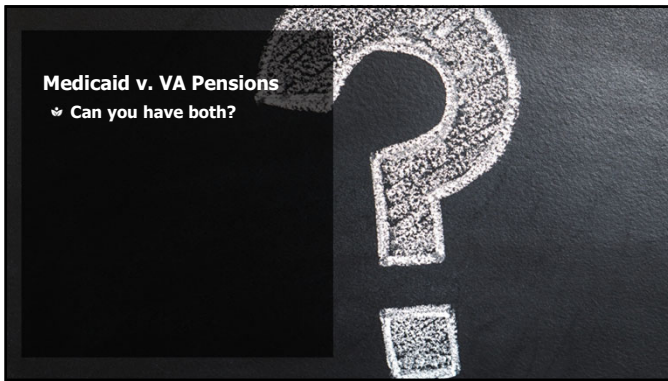
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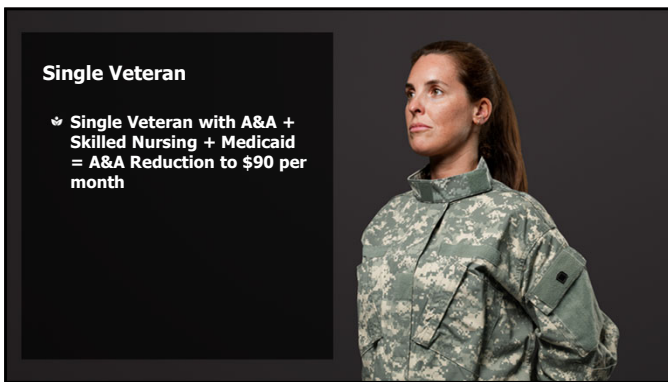
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How to apply for a VA Pension?

- ✦ With the help of a trained professional
- ✦ Online
(<https://www.va.gov/pension/application/527EZ/introduction>)
- ✦ Mail
- ✦ Fill out an Application (VA Form 21-534EZ) and mail to:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Pension Intake Center
PO Box 5365
Janesville, WI 53547-5365

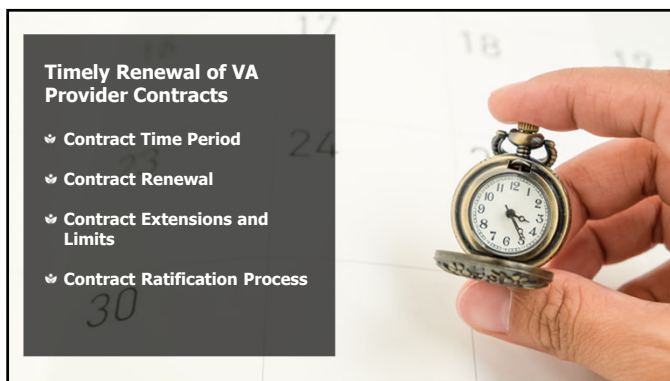
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VA Provider Contracts and Payment Delays

- ✦ The VA Contracts with Nursing Homes to provide care for Veterans when they are unable to do so themselves.
- ✦ Considerations:
 - ✦ Contract Administration
 - ✦ Medicaid-based rate determination
 - ✦ Prior Authorization
 - ✦ Facility Changes and Modifications
 - ✦ Contract Expiration/Renewals

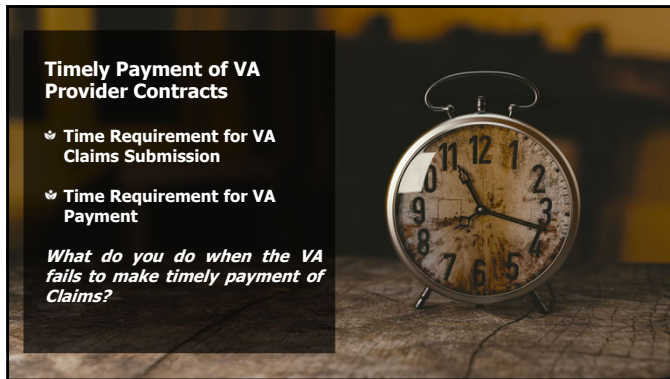
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Timely Renewal of VA Provider Contracts

- ✦ Contract Time Period
- ✦ Contract Renewal
- ✦ Contract Extensions and Limits
- ✦ Contract Ratification Process

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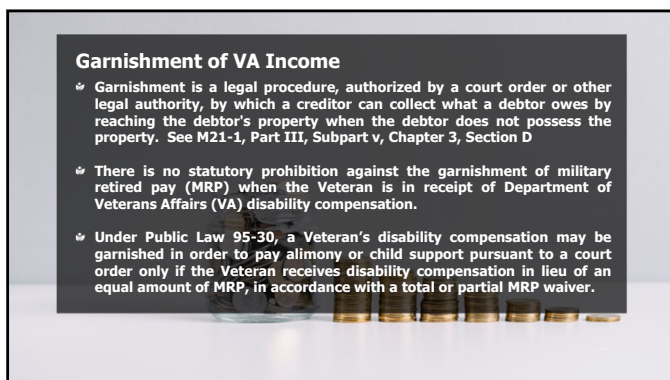


Timely Payment of VA Provider Contracts

- ⚡ Time Requirement for VA Claims Submission
- ⚡ Time Requirement for VA Payment

What do you do when the VA fails to make timely payment of Claims?

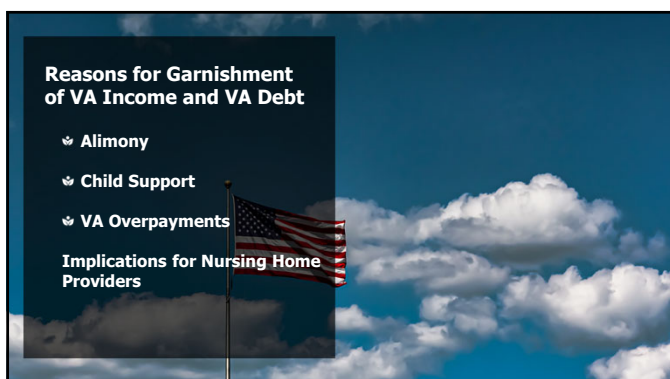
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Garnishment of VA Income

- ⚡ Garnishment is a legal procedure, authorized by a court order or other legal authority, by which a creditor can collect what a debtor owes by reaching the debtor's property when the debtor does not possess the property. See M21-1, Part III, Subpart v, Chapter 3, Section D
- ⚡ There is no statutory prohibition against the garnishment of military retired pay (MRP) when the Veteran is in receipt of Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) disability compensation.
- ⚡ Under Public Law 95-30, a Veteran's disability compensation may be garnished in order to pay alimony or child support pursuant to a court order only if the Veteran receives disability compensation in lieu of an equal amount of MRP, in accordance with a total or partial MRP waiver.

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Reasons for Garnishment of VA Income and VA Debt

- ⚡ Alimony
- ⚡ Child Support
- ⚡ VA Overpayments

Implications for Nursing Home Providers

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Ways to Address Garnishment and VA Debt

1. Seek a Reduction of the Resident's Patient Liability with the Medicaid Agency
2. Seek an Undue Hardship of the Resident's Patient Liability with the Medicaid Agency
3. Appeal and/or File an Undue Hardship with the VA as to the Debt
4. Work to secure Cancellation and/or and UHW as to the unpaid Alimony or Child Support Obligation

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Keys to Success in Navigating Nursing Home related VA Issues

- ✦ Understand the VA Structure
- ✦ Required Information and Forms
- ✦ VA Authorization and Representation Forms
- ✦ Provider Access Issues and Resources

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VA Structure

- ✦ U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
- ✦ Veterans Health Administration
- ✦ Veterans Benefits Administration
- ✦ National Cemetery Administration

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Required Information and Forms

✦ Social Security number or VA file number (required)


✦ Military history (required)

✦ Your financial information and the financial information of your dependents (required)

✦ Work history

✦ Bank account direct deposit information

✦ Medical information



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Determining the Branch of Military Service and Order Military Records

✦ Speak with the Resident, their Family and Look for Clues

✦ SF 180 - Request Pertaining to Military Records (used to obtain DD 214 discharge records)


✦ DD214 - Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty



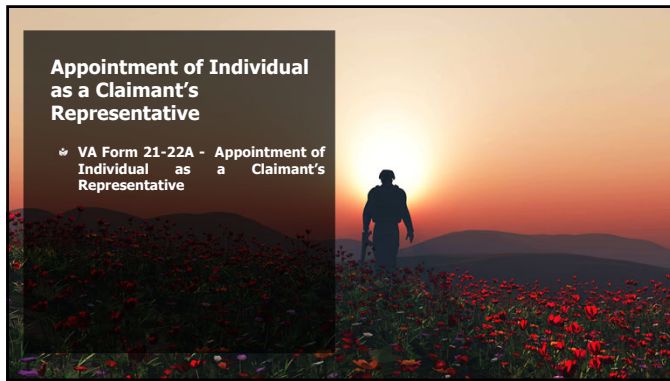
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Intent to File to Establish an Effective Date

✦ VA Form 21-0966 - Intent to File a Claim



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