

Update: PCAFC Stipend Recalculation

In June 2024, VA notified caregivers of an error regarding the underpayment of monthly stipends for certain Primary Family Caregivers participating in the VA's *Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC)*.

Key Facts:

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- **Total Caregivers Affected:** 7,392 current and former Primary Family Caregivers.
- **Cause of Error:** Incorrect stipend rate updates that should have taken effect in January 2020.
- **Geographic Areas Affected:** Specific areas within 44 states and the District of Columbia.
- **Overpayments:** None were identified in relation to this error.

Phases of Notification

Phase 1: Starting October 2024

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- **Who is Affected:** Approximately 1,100 currently active Primary Family Caregivers.
- **Predominant Location:** Most affected caregivers reside in California.

What to Expect:

- **Notice Letters:** Beginning in October 2024, letters will be sent to *notify these caregivers* of an increase in stipend payments.
- **Effective Date:** Letters will specify the effective date for the increased stipend.

Future Phases: Through Spring 2025

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- **Who is Affected:** Other current and former Primary Family Caregivers eligible for retroactive stipend payments.
- **What to Expect:**
 - **Notice Letters:** These letters will explain the *retroactive* stipend adjustments *owed* to caregivers.
 - **Payment Update:** The VA will provide a date by which the updated stipend payments or retroactive payments will be made.
 - **Completion Date:** All notifications are expected to be *completed* by spring 2025.

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Next Steps

- Notifications will be mailed to the last known addresses of all impacted caregivers.
- The VA will continue to provide updates as they work to rectify this issue.

UPDATE



Confirmed 10/3/2024:

- Applies to certain legacy participants who -
 - were paid at the the BLS rate.
 - are still paid at the BLS pay rate.



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