

Dear Veteran,

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) pays you additional money for your service-connected disability for your spouse and/or child(ren). **Please follow the instructions on the enclosed form to keep receiving the additional benefits. If you do not complete and return the form or call VA, we will propose reducing your benefits.**

As a reminder, **you must immediately notify VA of any change in your dependents' statuses (divorce, death, a child marrying, or other life-changing event)**. Failure to report changes can result in a large debt when VA retroactively removes the dependent from your compensation award. VA may require you to repay the debt.

How Do I Report Dependent Changes?

Complete and return the attached form*. Send it with any additional evidence to:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Evidence Intake Center
P. O. Box 4444
Janesville, WI 53547-4444

Or call us at 1-800-827-1000. If you use a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD), the federal number is 711.

Will My Benefits Change?

If your dependents' statuses have not changed since the time of your last report to VA, your payments will stay the same.

If any of their statuses *have* changed, or if you have since gained or lost dependents, we will adjust your payments.

If you fail to report changes, you will have to pay back money you received for dependents who were not eligible due to divorce, death, or other change in status.

Changes in dependent status **will change your payment amount**. Debts start as soon as a dependent's status changes and goes unreported. Therefore, you must notify VA immediately to avoid amassing large debts.

Additional Information

You may submit additional information at any time. You also have the right to a hearing to explain your statements. You have the right to be represented at the hearing by an authorized Veteran's service organization.

Veterans Service Center Manager

Enclosure

* If you cannot mail your application or evidence, please fax us toll-free at 1-844-531-7818. If you're outside the U.S., fax 1-248-524-4260.