



Prosthetics and Sensory Aids Service

Home Improvement and Structural Alterations Program (HISA)

What is HISA

Under the Home Improvements and Structural Alterations (HISA) program, veterans with service-connected disabilities or veterans with nonservice-connected disabilities may receive assistance for any home improvement necessary for the continuation of treatment or for disability access to the home and essential lavatory and sanitary facilities. A HISA grant is available to veterans who have received a medical determination indicating that improvements and structural alterations are necessary or appropriate for the effective and economical treatment of his/her disability. A veteran may receive both a HISA grant and either a Special Home Adaptation (SHA) grant or a Specially Adapted Housing (SAH) grant.

Before HISA improvements



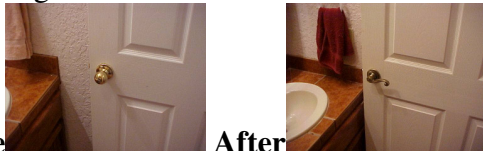
After HISA improvements



What HISA WILL pay for

These are examples of what HISA WILL pay for

- Allowing entrance or exit from veteran's home
- Improving access for use of essential lavatory and sanitary facilities



- Improving access to kitchen and bathroom counters



- Handrails
- Lowered Electrical outlets and switches
- Improving paths or driveways
- Improving plumbing/electrical work for dialysis patients

HISA Will Not pay for

These are examples of what HISA **WILL NOT** pay for

- Walkways to exterior buildings
- Widening of driveways (in excess of an 7'x6' area)
- Spa, hot tub or Jacuzzi
- Exterior decking (in excess of 8'x8')

Limits on HISA grants

The HISA program is available for both **service-connected** veterans and **nonservice-connected** veterans.

- Home improvement benefits up to **\$4,100** may be provided to **service-connected** veterans.
- Home improvement benefits up to **\$1,200** may be provided to **nonservice-connected** veterans.

Applying for an HISA grant

In order to receive an HISA grant, **the veteran must first have a prescription from a VA or fee-basis physician.** This must include:

- Specific items required.
- The diagnosis with medical justification.
- The veteran's name, address, SSN and phone number(s).

To apply, the veteran must first provide:

- A completed VA Form 10-0103, [VETERANS APPLICATION FOR ASSISTANCE In Acquiring Home Improvement and Structural Alterations](#) If a leased or rented property, written permission from the owner
- Quotes from at least 3 licensed contractors (if required by state law), to include:
 - The contractors name, address, telephone and Federal tax ID number or social security number
 - The veteran's name, address and telephone number./li>
 - Plans and drawings
 - An itemized list of estimated materials, cost and labor cost.

- All permits required (it is the contractors responsibility to obtain these)
- A picture of the work site prior to construction

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