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The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.  
President of the Senate  
United States Senate  
Washington, DC 20510

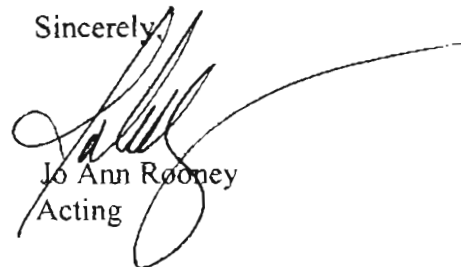
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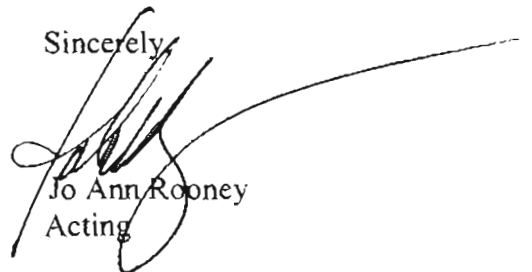
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cc:  
The Honorable John McCain  
Ranking Member



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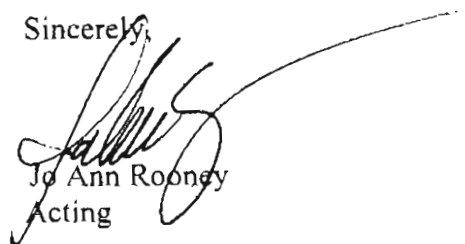
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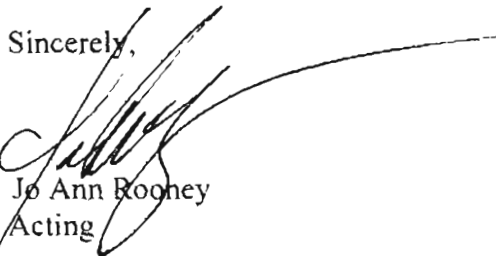
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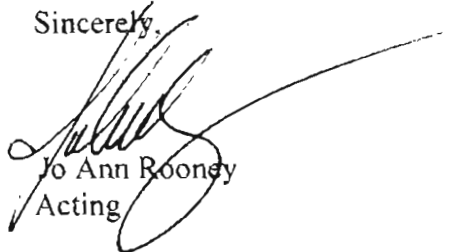
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# Report to Congress



## **Special Compensation for Members of the Uniformed Services with Catastrophic Injuries or Illnesses Requiring Assistance in Everyday Living Fiscal Year 2012 Report to Congress**

**Required by: National Defense Authorization Act for FY 2010, Section  
603(b)(1)**

Preparation of this report/study cost the  
Department of Defense a total of approximately  
\$15,000 in Fiscal Years 2011 - 2012.  
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Section 603 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2010 (FY 2010 NDAA), "Special Compensation for Members of the Uniformed Services with Catastrophic Injuries or Illnesses Requiring Assistance in Everyday Living," granted the Secretary of Defense discretionary authority to compensate catastrophically wounded, ill, or injured Service members requiring caregiver assistance. On August 31, 2011, the Department of Defense promulgated policy to compensate all catastrophically wounded, ill, or injured Service members, with line of duty-related medical conditions, who needed caregiver assistance to live outside a resident medical facility or who required constant supervision to prevent harm to themselves or others. This policy, enacted through Department of Defense Instruction 1341.12, "Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living," provides qualified Service members monthly compensation to help offset the economic burden borne by their primary caregivers providing non-medical care, support and assistance.

In accordance with section 603, the Department of Defense is providing Congress a report on the following items required by this legislation:

**(a) Question: An estimate of the number of members of the uniformed services eligible for compensation under such section 439, title 37, United States Code.**

Response: The Department estimates approximately 559 Service members will qualify for Special Compensation for Assistance with Activities of Daily Living (SCAADL) compensation during calendar year 2012 with the following Service representation: United States Army -- 325 soldiers; United States Navy -- 25 sailors; United States Air Force -- nine airmen; and United States Marine Corps -- 200 marines.

**(b) Question: The number of members of the uniformed services receiving compensation under such section.**

Response: Five hundred five Service members have received SCAADL compensation. As of February 29, 2012, 471 Service members were receiving monthly compensation for assistance with activities of daily living. This represents: United States Army -- 261 Soldiers; United States Navy -- 19 Sailors; United States Air Force -- 11 Airmen; and United States Marine Corps -- 180 Marines. Thirty-four Service members are no longer participating in the program: 6 due to death and 28 no longer meeting the criteria.

**(c) Question: The average amount of compensation provided to members of the uniformed services receiving such compensation**

Response: As of February 29, 2012, the Services have paid over \$2.6 million in compensation since the program was implemented. Two-hundred six Service members received compensation at the Tier 3 level (requires caregiver support 40 hours per week). The average compensation per month is \$2014. One-hundred



thirty-two Service members require Tier 2 support of 25 hours a week. Their average compensation per month is \$1324. Tier 1 Service members (167) require 10 hours of caregiver support and average \$543 per month. The average compensation takes into account how many months each Service member received compensation. The Department of Defense is complying with section 439 of title 37, United States Code and section 634 of the Ike Skelton National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2011, P.L.111-383, that required compensation provided by the Department of Defense match the stipend provided by the Department Veterans Affairs under the Department of Veterans Affairs Caregivers and Omnibus Health Services Act of 2010. The Department of Defense, in collaboration with the Department of Veterans Affairs, established a joint methodology for computing the amount of compensation used by both Departments for their respective caregiver programs.

**(d) Question: The average amount of time required for a member of the uniformed services to receive such compensation after the member becomes eligible for such compensation.**

Response: The average time for qualified Service members to receive compensation for each of the Services is: United States Army – 30 days; United States Navy – 23 days; United States Air Force – 19 days; and United States Marine Corps – seven days. Variation in processing times is based on the internal procedures for the respective Services. All payments are paid retroactive to the Service member's date of eligibility.

**(e) Question: A summary of the types of injuries, disorders, and illnesses of members of the uniformed services receiving such compensation that made such members eligible for such compensation.**

Response: Below are the medical conditions which reflect the 11 predominant injuries, disorders, and illnesses qualifying Service members for compensation under this program. Service members may have one or more of the following conditions:

Amputation  
Traumatic Brain Injury  
Post Traumatic Stress Disorder  
Mental Health  
Cranial Wounds  
Spinal Injuries  
Sleep Irregularity  
Burns  
Lost Vision  
Paraplegic/Quadriplegic  
Cancer