# **SSI recipients eligible** for Internet service aid

Any household with an individual receiving Supplemental Security Income is eligible to receive discounted Internet service through the Affordable Connectivity Program recently launched by the Federal Communications Commission.

Social Security does not count Affordable Connectivity Program assistance as income or a resource for SSI purposes.

The program provides a discount of up to \$30 per month toward Internet service for eligible households and \$75 per month for households on qualifying Tribal lands.

Eligible households also can receive a one-time discount of up to \$100 toward purchasing a laptop, desktop computer or tablet from participating providers.

To enroll in the Connectivity Program, go to www.fcc.gov/asp for more information.



## **MARRIAGES IN TRIBAL COURT**

Tribal Court is issuing marriage licenses and is able to perform marriage ceremonies for a filing fee of \$40. Contact the Tribal Court at 503-879-2303. ■

## Grand Ronde Head Start Preschool **b** d v



## **For Parents:**

- Connection to housing resources
- Employment assistance
- Parent training & support
- Enrollment opportunities for pregnant women
- Enrollment opportunities for all incomes

### WAYS TO APPLY:

For Kids:

ONLINE at:

https://www.grandronde.org/services/education/early-childhood-education/

Email dawn.doar@grandronde.org for an application

Applications due by June 10, 2022

Join our supportive community and give your child a

strong head start. Apply today!

• Qualified teachers

• Transportation may be available



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2022 The TVSO is here to walk you through this process. You will not do this alone. Come see me! VA CLAIM TIMELINE SERVICE OFFICE Do you have an hour? It might change your life... (503) 879-1484 • CTGRTribalVSO@GrandRonde.Org 30 minutes to an hour 30-45 days 30-60 days 60 - 90 days 90-120 days VA will notify you of Meet with TVSO. their decision Sign a couple of forms. VA is processing your regarding your claim VA will schedule your Attend your exam(s)! File a claim for benefits compensation & pension claim and reviewing all Respond to any letters Contact TVSO to and attach any exam(s) from VA documentation. review your claim documentation needed results. for your claim.

#### **Filing A Claim:**

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With the TVSO, you will sign the 21-22 & HIPAA Forms. Then, we file a claim via a: 526EZ Form and submit with 21-4142 / 21-4142a form, along with any documentation you provide.

Have Ready: List of doctors & their contact information, dates conditions began and why (inservice event), bank account & routing number (required on the claim form).

Helpful, but not required: Your DD-214 & any documentation to support your claim.

It is most important to just get your claim filed!

#### **Compensation & Pension** (C&P) Exam Scheduling:

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Answer your phone: VA and/ or their contractors will call you to schedule your exam(s), if needed for your claim. Note: You may get calls from unknown or out of the area numbers.

Most C&P exams are in-person. However, you may be asked to schedule a phone exam, or a virtual exam. Choose which exam type works for you.

Do not miss your exam appointment. It will delay your claim from being processed.

#### **Compensation & Pension** (C&P) Exam:

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Remember: You may be scheduled for a phone exam, a virtual exam, and/or an inperson exam. Be prepared for all options.

The doctor has specific VA guidelines for exams. Sometimes the exams are very short with a very specific set of questions and tests.

Do your best to explain your worst day in-detail and with all honesty during the exam.

The information from the exam is used to help VA make a decision about your claim.

#### **Claim Processing:**

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Step

After the exams are complete, everything goes to VA for review and decision. This step in the process can take as long as they need to go through your service records, your medical records, any information you submitted, your test results and anything else VA needs to review.

#### Answer any letters from VA.

Processing your claim takes time to complete. It depends on so many different factors. Try to be patient. Notify TVSO if you haven't heard from VA by now.

Remember: No claim is exactly alike.

**Claim Decision:** 

This part is a waiting period. Try to be patient.

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VA will make a decision. It will be an approval, a denial, or a deferral. The letters VA sends will outline their decision.

Make an appointment with the TVSO to review any of these letters. If approved we will go over your benefits, your percentage and payment information.

If denied, we need to meet to review why and for you to decide if you want to appeal that decision. TVSO can help with the appeal as well.