## Are YOU a VETERAN? a SPOUSE of a VETERAN? a WIDOW of a VETERAN? a GOLD STAR PARENT?

Did you know that the federal VA will pay for your nursing home care if you meet ANY of the following three criteria\*?

- 1. You are in need of nursing home care for a service-connected disability (any percentage rating).
- 2. You are rated at least 70 percent disabled due to service-connected disability or disabilities.
- 3. You have a rating of total disability based on individual unemployability (TDIU).

\*Source: Veterans Benefits Manual (2012 edition) Section 10.7 (page 771)

## **General Priorities:**

- First Priority: Veterans
- Second Priority: Spouses of Veterans
- Third Priority: Spouses of deceased Veterans.
- Fourth Priority: Parents (Gold Star Parents) of Veterans that died while serving active duty.

## **Sub-category Priorities:**

Within each of the above general priorities are the following residency priorities:

- First priority to state residents who have resided in the state for more than six continuous months before the date of application for membership;
- Second priority to individuals who are residents on the date of application and who have been residing continuously in the state for a period of six months or less immediately preceding the date of application membership.



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