

DEDUCTIBLE MEDICAL EXPENSE EXAMPLES

Unreimbursed medical expenses paid by a beneficiary (or by a veteran's spouse for veteran awards) may be used to reduce the beneficiary's countable income. The lists below show many of the common allowable medical expenses.

- Abdominal supports
- Acupuncture service
- Ambulance hire
- Anesthetist
- Arch supports
- Artificial limbs and teeth
- Back supports
- Braces
- Cardiographs
- Chiropodist
- Chiropractor
- Convalescent home (for medical treatment only)
- Crutches
- Dental service, for example, cleaning, x-ray, filling teeth
- Dentures
- Dermatologist
- Drugs, prescription and nonprescription
- Gynecologist
- Hearing aids and batteries
- Home health services
- Hospital expenses
- Insulin treatment
- Insurance premiums, for medical insurance only
- Invalid chair
- Lab tests
- Lip reading lessons designed to overcome a disability
- Lodging incurred in conjunction with out-of-town travel for treatment (to be determined on a facts-found basis)
- Medicare Part B premiums
- Neurologist
- Nursing services for medical care, including nurse's board paid by claimant
- Occupational therapist
- Ophthalmologist
- Optician
- Optometrist
- Oral surgery
- Osteopath, licensed
- Pediatrician
- Physical examinations
- Physician
- Physical therapy
- Podiatrist
- Psychiatrist
- Psychoanalyst
- Psychologist
- Psychotherapy
- Radium therapy
- Sacroiliac belt
- Seeing-Eye dog and maintenance
- Speech therapist
- Splints
- Surgeon
- Telephone/teletype special communications equipment for the deaf
- Transportation expenses for medical purposes (41.5 cents per mile effective January 1, 2009, plus parking and tolls or actual fares for taxi, buses)
- Vaccines
- Wheelchairs
- Whirlpool baths for medical purposes
- X-rays

Note: The deductible transportation expense for medical purposes is 41.5 cents per mile from January 1, 2014, through December 31, 2014.

Note: This list is not all-inclusive. Allow all expenses that are directly related to medical care.