DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Cheyenne VA Medical Center Test

2361 Denial Way, Suite 123

CHEYENNE, WY 82001

8/20/2024 4:19 PM

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KASCIE BANGIT

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CHEYENNE, WY 82001

**Beneficiary Travel Payment Decision**

Dear KASCIE BANGIT,

We have made a decision on your claim for Veteran Health Administrative benefits.

**What We Decided**

We regret to inform you that your request for the VA to pay or reimburse the cost(s) related to travel to and/or from your medical care/services on 8/20/2024 8:00 AM is Denied.

**Evidence We Relied On**

* Claim for Reimbursement of Travel Expenses
* Enrollment System
* Patient Medical Records
* VA Medical Determination for Special Mode Transportation, if applicable
* Receipts, if submitted
* Other documents supporting eligibility for payment, if submitted
* Non-VA care treatment at VA expense authorization, if applicable
* Transportation provider invoice and run report, if applicable
* Other documents supporting eligibility for payment, if submitted
* Notice of Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) Rating Change, if applicable
* Bing Maps for travel time and distance calculations
* [GSA Per Diem Rates for lodging and meal 50% allowance calculations](https://www.gsa.gov/travel/plan-book/per-diem-rates/per-diem-rates-lookup)

**What Laws Apply**

For our office to authorize payment or reimbursement of your transportation costs, you must satisfy the eligibility criteria set forth in 38 United States Code (U.S.C.) section 111 and 38 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) Part 70, Subpart A.

**Favorable Finding(s):**

Your application was filed within the prescribed time limits. You are administratively eligible.

**Denial Reason(s):**

Your claim has been denied for the following reason:

You are a Service Connected Veteran with a rating of less than 30%,   
with income above the established low-income threshold or not on file to determine if a low-income status exists, and your medical appointment was not coded as treating your service connected condition(s). Authority 38 CFR 70.10 (a)(2),(5) The appointment(s) associated with your date of travel does not qualify for payment. For payment, an appointment must be in relation to care or services that you are eligible for, must be authorized in advance for a non-VA care appointment; and it must be completed unless due to actions other than yourself. Authority 38 CFR 70.4 (1)-(2)  
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**What to do if you Disagree**

If you disagree with this decision, you may seek further review. Your options for seeking further review are [attached](http://attached). You can also find more details at [www.va.gov/health/appeals](http://www.va.gov/health/appeals) and at [www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vtp/beneficiary\_travel.asp](http://www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vtp/beneficiary_travel.asp) .

**How to Access Evidence**

You may submit a written request for a copy of the evidence used to make the decision by submitting a *Release* of *Information* form(s) to:

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**How to submit a Supplemental Claim or request a Higher-Level Review**

Use VA Form 20-0995 to submit a Supplemental Claim or VA Form 20-0996 to request a Higher-Level Review. The forms are available to download and complete at [www.va.gov/vaforms/](http://www.va.gov/vaforms/). For VA Form 20-0995 and VA Form 20-0996, for ***Benefit******Type***, check the Veterans Health Administration box and clearly identify your issue is related to BT Benefits in the Issue(s) area of the form. Submit your form(s) through [MyHealtheVet](https://www.myhealth.va.gov/) secure messaging to the Beneficiary Travel messaging group or mail to:

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Sincerely,

Test T. Tester

Supervisor, Beneficiary Travel

**CC:** test denied

**Attachments:** VA Form 10-0998