

## Combat-Related Injury & Rehabilitation Pay (CIP)

Warriors who were MEDEVAC out of theater and are considered “hospitalized” are entitled to CIP.

A member is considered hospitalized if he/she is admitted as an inpatient or is receiving extensive rehabilitation as an outpatient while living in quarters affiliated with the military health care system.

The monthly CIP payment equals \$430 less any HFP payment received by the warrior for the same month. The hospitalized member is eligible for CIP starting the month after the month of MEDEVAC.

CIP payments for an eligible month will be made in the subsequent month. CIP is terminated if the member receives TSGLI, has received notification of eligibility for a TGSLI benefit and 30 days have passed since receipt, or is no longer hospitalized per the definition. Warriors who are entitled to CIP and do not receive the payment should work with the local finance office to submit a reconsideration memo.

## Traumatic Servicemember’s Group Life Insurance (TSGLI)

TSGLI is an entitlement that wounded warriors may receive if they are covered by Servicemember’s Group Life Insurance (SGLI) and they sustain an injury that results in certain severe losses, such as loss of a leg or an arm. All members of the uniformed services that have part-time or full-time SGLI are automatically covered by TSGLI while a member is in service. TSGLI coverage will pay a benefit from \$25,000 to \$100,000 depending on eligibility and the severity of the loss resulting from traumatic injury.

For more information, visit <https://www.insurance.va.gov/sgliSite/TSGLI/TSGLI.htm> or contact the Office of SGLI by phone at 1-800-419-1473.

## FYI

Visit your local military finance office for more information on your pay and entitlements. They can help on a variety of pay-related topics, including pay inquiry assistance, and member and dependent travel.

### Important Contact Information

Finance Office

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Personnel Office

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And be sure to call the customer service professionals at Defense Finance & Accounting Service at:

**1-888-332-7411**

**Check out all Wounded Warrior pay and entitlement information online:**

**[www.dfas.mil/militarypay/woundedwarriorpay.html](http://www.dfas.mil/militarypay/woundedwarriorpay.html)**



Need to know

# Pay & Entitlements for Service Members Injured in Combat Zones

An explanation of pay and entitlements for members of the U.S. Armed Forces injured while serving in a Combat Zone Tax Exclusion (CZTE) area and receiving medical treatment at military facilities outside of a CZTE area.

Service members and their families are encouraged to contact a local military finance office for any updates to the information contained in this brochure.

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# Know your status

If you've been evacuated from a combat area with injuries, disease or illness incurred while serving in a combat zone, your status can have significant impact on the pay and allowances you are due.

If your medical condition is a result of direct combat, you are classified as **Battle Injured (BI)**. You are considered **Non-Battle Injured (NBI)** if you have been wounded or are ill in non-combat circumstances.

Be sure you or your representative periodically reviews your status to make sure you are receiving all the pay and entitlements you've earned. The military finance office will be able to keep you up to date.

## Combat Zone Tax Exclusion (CZTE)

Combat Zone Tax Exclusion, or CZTE, allows military members to exclude all or a portion of pay and entitlements earned while serving in designated combat areas from tax liabilities.

Qualification for CZTE in a combat zone or qualified hazardous duty area (QHDA) is authorized for each month during which the service member is hospitalized or re-hospitalized as a result of wounds, disease, or injury incurred while serving in a combat zone or QHDA. The service member must meet the qualifying criteria for all or a portion of a month in order to claim CZTE for that month.

CZTE qualification extends up to two (2) years after date of termination of activities in the CZTE/QHDA area if the service member is still hospitalized. The amount of tax exemption remains the same - maximum per month for 2006 is \$6,724.50, per month. The amount for 2007 is \$6,867.60 per month. Although most warriors will not exceed this amount, some field grade officers will.

**Note:** *There are some CZTE/QHDA areas that are not entitled to Hostile Fire Pay/Imminent Danger Pay. In these cases, the maximum tax exemption would be \$6,724.50 per month for 2006 or \$6,642.60 per month for 2007 less the amount of HFP/IDP (or \$225 per month under current pay scales).*

## Hardship Duty Pay - Location

Hardship Duty Pay - Location, or HDP-L, is payable to service members entitled to basic pay while performing duty in a place designated by the Secretary of Defense as hardship duty.

The entitlement stops the day the service member departs the designated HDP-L area unless he or she is out of location for less than 30 days. In that case, the entitlement continues with no interruption.

## Hostile Fire Pay/Imminent Danger Pay

Hostile Fire Pay/Imminent Danger Pay, or HFP/IDP, is paid to military personnel serving in an area designated by the President. This includes most areas affected by Operations Enduring Freedom (OEF) and Iraqi Freedom (OIF).

HFP/IDP is paid at a rate of \$225.00 per month without proration and regardless of paygrade. HFP/IDP entitlement begins upon entry into a designated area and continues or stops as follows:

- Entitlement continues for up to an additional three (3) months after the month in which the wound, injury or illness occurred for the service member hospitalized. A warrior is considered hospitalized if he/she is admitted as an inpatient or is receiving extensive rehabilitation as an outpatient while living in quarters affiliated with the military health care system. Effective March 23, 2006, both **BI** and **NBI** service members are entitled to HFP/IDP for up to three months when hospitalized.

- Entitlement stops the date of departure from the HFP/IDP area for service members seeking

medical attention in an "outpatient" status if the member does not return to theater. If the member returns to theater within 30 days the HFP/IDP entitlement continues.

## Family Separation Allowance

Family Separation Allowance, or FSA, is paid to service members TDY/TCS away from their permanent duty station continuously for more than 30 days and the member's dependents are not residing at or near the TDY/TCS station. Amount payable is \$250.00 per month or \$8.33 per day.

FSA continues or stops as follows:

- Entitlement continues to accrue to member if one or more, but not all, dependents visit at or near the TDY/TCS station for more than 30 days or longer, if the member is otherwise entitled on behalf of the dependent(s) who are not visiting the member.
- Entitlement stops when all of the member's dependents visit at or near the TDY/TCS station for 30 days or longer (stops effective on the 31st day).
- Entitlement stops on the day prior to returning to home station.

## Basic Allowance for Subsistence

Basic Allowance for Subsistence entitlement continues for service members while hospitalized. Non-hospitalized service members authorized BAS must pay for their meals.

## Casual Pay

The local finance office can pay wounded warriors a casual pay (CP) when they do not have means of withdrawing funds from their bank account. The amount of the CP will be deducted from the service member's next paycheck. Please be aware of local CP limits.