

My trust lawyer responded with the following information:

Hi Donna –

The trust, health and financial powers of attorney should be what is needed. However, if the diagnosed individual is unwilling to acknowledge the issue and continues to act as a trustee on the trust, or if the individual is acting unilaterally for accounts that are individually owned, then the recourse would be to have a guardianship or conservatorship appointed for the individual.

This is what I found online:

Essential legal documents for managing Alzheimer's include a durable power of attorney, advance directives, and a living will. These documents help ensure that a person's wishes regarding healthcare and financial decisions are respected as the disease progresses.

Key Legal Documents

Document Type	Purpose
Durable Power of Attorney	Allows a trusted individual to make financial and legal decisions on behalf of the person with Alzheimer's when they can no longer do so.
Advance Directives	Provides instructions for healthcare decisions, including naming a healthcare agent and specifying treatment preferences.
Living Will	Outlines a person's wishes regarding medical treatment in situations where they cannot communicate their preferences.

Eligibility for VA Home Care Benefits

Spouses of veterans typically do not qualify for VA home care benefits unless they meet specific criteria. Here are the key points regarding eligibility:

General Eligibility Criteria

- **Surviving Spouses:** Only surviving spouses of veterans may be eligible for certain VA benefits, including home care, if the veteran qualifies for specific programs.
- **Conditions:** The surviving spouse must meet certain conditions, such as not having remarried and being married to the veteran at the time of their death.

Available Benefits for Spouses

While spouses may not directly qualify for VA home care benefits, they can access some benefits that are available to veterans, depending on their circumstances. These may include:

- **Health Care:** Some health care benefits may be available to spouses, but they are generally tied to the veteran's service and eligibility.
- **Financial Assistance:** Spouses may qualify for financial assistance programs that help with costs related to home care or other needs.

Conclusion

In summary, spouses of veterans have limited access to VA home care benefits, primarily restricted to surviving spouses under specific conditions. It is essential for spouses to check their eligibility for any available benefits through the VA.

What are the eligibility criteria for VA home care benefits for spouses?

To qualify for VA home care benefits as a spouse, you must be married to a veteran who has served at least 90 days of active duty, with one day during a wartime period, and the veteran must have been discharged under conditions other than dishonorable. Additionally, you may need to meet certain age or disability criteria and demonstrate financial need.

An interesting find:

<https://www.elitecruisesandvacationstravel.com/upcoming-dementia-friendly-cruises.html>

This group voyage is appropriate for:

Caregivers looking for support, resources, and educational programs

Wheelchair users or travelers with accessibility requirements

Travelers with Alzheimer's/Dementia

Travelers with a diagnosis that may necessitate RN/medical support while vacationing.

Resources:

Health.clevelandclinic.org

michaeljfox.org

parkinsons.org

healthgrades.com

alz.org

<https://www.stopsarcoidosis.org/global-clinic-alliance/>