This is in response to your inquiry to the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) dated September 4, 2018.

We appreciate the sacrifice and service of our nations Veteran's.

We apologize for the delay in responding to your inquiry. We are currently experiencing a large volume of inquiries and are working as quickly as possible to respond to each in a timely manner.

Your claim, for special monthly compensation and headaches is pending final review. VA will process the decision, review it for accuracy, and notify you by mail. Your claim's status may change if additional information is required.

At this time, it is estimated that your claim should be completed by September 26, 2018. Please understand that this date is an estimate and that your claim may take longer based on the specifics of your claim and VA's pending workload.

According to our records you were awarded Special Monthly Compensation/HS-S beginning November 11, 2016.

According to our records there is no SMC-T, however, there is a SMC-L. We have provided a SMC Rate link below for your convenience.

https://www.benefits.va.gov/COMPENSATION/resources_comp02.asp

The SMC code you receive is determined during the claims process.

Special Monthly Compensation (SMC)

Aid and Attendance (A/A) may be awarded in addition to VA disability compensation or pension benefits. It provides benefits for Veterans and surviving spouses who require the regular attendance of another person to assist in eating, bathing, dressing, etc. The benefit is also available to individuals who are blind or who are residents of a nursing home because of mental or physical incapacity. Assisted care in an assisted living facility may also qualify for A/A.

Payment variations are assigned in cases of Special Monthly Compensation. Special Monthly Compensation (SMC) is an allowance paid to certain service-connected (SC) Veterans. It may be paid in addition to—or in place of—the Veteran's standard (percentage) disability compensation (service connected disability program).

We have attached a fact sheet with regard to SMC for serious disabilities (disability compensation) to this reply, which can also be found at: https://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/serviceconnected/smc.pdf.

There are many different SMC amounts because you may have only one, or a combination of these disabilities or needs. Payment variations are assigned based on specific disabilities, and the severity of the condition.

Please see the following website for information about Aid and Attendance and Housebound