

EVIDENCE

- Rating Decision, and all evidence contained therein, dated July 19, 2012
- Private Treatment Records, The Poly Clinic, dated March 2013 to June 2013
- VA Form 21-526 EZ: Application for Disability Compensation and Related Compensation Benefits, dated June 26, 2013
- Your statement received June 26, 2013
- Congressional Response dated August 21, 2013 and September 17, 2013
- Your statement received August 27, 2013
- VA Duty to Assist Letter, Dated April 16, 2014
- VA Medical Center Treatment Records, Puget Sound Health Care System, from December 24, 2009 through April 6, 2014 (reviewed electronically)

REASONS FOR DECISION

1. Entitlement to special monthly compensation based on Housebound.

Entitlement to special monthly compensation is warranted in this case because criteria regarding Housebound were met until August 1, 2014.

We have granted entitlement to special monthly compensation at the statutory housebound rate based on 100 percent disability rating for your convalescence for your right hip replacement and other combined disabilities rated at 60 percent or more. The effective date is June 13, 2013, the date of your surgery. This benefit will end August 1, 2014 when your period of convalescence ends.

2. Evaluation of total right hip replacement (previously evaluated as avascular necrosis) currently evaluated as 20 percent disabling.

An evaluation of 100 percent is assigned effective June 13, 2013 based on surgical or other treatment necessitating convalescence.

An evaluation of 30 percent is assigned from August 1, 2014, the date the convalescence period ends.

A minimum evaluation of 30 percent is granted following prosthetic replacement of the head of the femur or of the acetabulum. A higher evaluation of 50 percent is not warranted unless the record shows moderately severe residuals of weakness, pain, or limitation of motion.