

# CANCER, SMC, AND TDIU

Cancer ratings can raise additional benefits, but each has separate legal requirements.



## EVIDENCE PLATE

CLAIM FILE

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| SMC-K | <b>Loss or loss of use</b><br>Review creative-organ loss, anatomical loss, and other qualifying losses when raised by the record.       | SMC-S | <b>Statutory housebound</b><br>A single total disability plus separate disabilities independently rated at 60 percent can qualify. |
| HB    | <b>Factual housebound</b><br>Substantial confinement due to service-connected disability requires its own evidence.                     | A&A   | <b>Aid and attendance</b><br>Document help needed with personal functions and protection from hazards.                             |
| TDIU  | <b>Unemployability</b><br>After the active 100 percent phase, residuals that prevent substantially gainful employment may support TDIU. | MAX   | <b>Duty to maximize</b><br>Evaluate reasonably raised ancillary benefits and distinct residuals without pyramiding.                |

