

State Benefit Entitlement

This factsheet provides basic information about the important welfare benefits which may be available to help you pay for your care.

The Financial Assessment Officer will undertake a Welfare Benefits Check to ensure you are receiving your state benefit entitlements.

Income Support/ Employment and Support Allowance

(People below state retirement age)

Income Support or Employment & Support Allowance (Income Related) works by topping up the money you already have coming in to a set level. The Department for Work and Pensions calls the set level the 'applicable amount', which depends on your age and other circumstances.

Pension Credit

(People of state retirement age or over)

Pension Credit has two parts - the 'guaranteed part' and the 'savings part': The guaranteed part of Pension Credit is similar to Income Support for people of state retirement age and over. The weekly amount is made up of a minimum guaranteed amount for a single person plus other amounts in certain circumstances. Your entitlement will be called your 'appropriate amount'.

The 'savings part' may also be payable in certain circumstances and, depending on the amount you receive, may be disregarded, in part or full, from your financial assessment.

Attendance Allowance or Disability Living Allowance (Care Component)

Attendance Allowance is payable to people aged 65 years and over who are affected by disability and struggle with personal care or need someone to supervise them to make sure they are safe. There are two different rates depending on your needs.

For more information:

You can visit us at one of our Customer Access Points
or visit our website at www.staffordshirecares.info
or Telephone: 0300 111 8010

You can also get this information in large print, Braille and on audio tape

Disability Living Allowance is payable to people under 65 years who are affected by disability and struggle with personal care or need someone to supervise them to make sure they are safe. There are three different rates depending on your needs.

Disability Living Allowance Mobility Component

This is for people under 65 years affected by disability and either virtually cannot walk at all outdoors or can walk but need someone to guide and supervise them when they are in an unfamiliar place. There are two different rates depending on your needs.

The Mobility Component of Disability Living Allowance will not be included in your financial assessment

Change in Circumstances

Changes in circumstances include moving into residential care (whether long stay or respite care) and admission into hospital. When this happens your entitlement to benefits may be affected. It is, therefore, your responsibility to tell the correct people about any such changes.

- Income Support/ Employment Support Allowance (Please contact Job Centre Plus)
- Pension Credit (Please contact The Pension Centre)
- Attendance Allowance or Disability Living Allowance (Care Component) (Please contact the Disability Benefits Centre)