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## Possible Welfare Benefits Available for Cancer Patients/Carers

### Benefits Which DO NOT Depend on Income/Savings

#### **Personal Independence Payment (PIP):**

**Claim Line: 0800 917 2222**

This is the new name of Disability Living Allowance. This is a benefit for adults (aged 16 to State Pension Age) with disabilities. It takes into account how illness is affecting someone in their day to day activities (Daily Living and Mobility Components). PIP does not take into account income/savings and can be claimed whether one is in or out of work.

#### **Blue Badge:**

**Through Local Authority**

This applies if someone finds it difficult to get around and would like to park their car close to where they need to be. If someone is on PIP mobility component and score 8 points or more for moving around activity they will automatically qualify for Blue Badge.

#### **Attendance Allowance (AA):**

**Claim Line: 0800 731 0122**

This benefit (for people over State Pension Age) takes into account how illness is affecting someone in their day to day activities. AA does not take into account income and/or savings.

#### **Carer's Allowance (CA):**

**Online at [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk) or by phone: 0800 731 0297**

This applies if one is looking after someone who gets PIP Daily Living Component/AA

#### **Child Benefit (CB):**

**Claim Line: 0300 200 3100**

If one is responsible for a child then CB may be claimed.

#### **New Style Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) (Option 2 than option 3)**

**Claim Line: 0800 328 5644**

This is a sickness related benefit for working age people which starts after the 28 weeks of Statutory Sick Pay (SSP). Help with mortgage interest payments is now available as a loan rather than as a benefit. New Style ESA can be claimed in advance or backdated up to three months from SSP ending. The benefit is based on national insurance contributions.



### **Benefits Which Depend on Income/Savings**

**Universal Credit (UC):** **Online: [www.gov.uk/apply-universal-credit](http://www.gov.uk/apply-universal-credit)**

This is a new benefit for working age people on low income/savings. UC replaces six current benefits. These benefits are Income Support (IS)\*, Income Related Employment and Support Allowance (IR ESA), Income Based Jobseeker's Allowance (IB JSA), Housing Benefit (HB), Child Tax Credit and Working Tax Credit.

\*IS may apply if someone claims CA

**Discretionary Housing Payments (DHP):** **Through Local Council**

If full help with rent is not covered through UC/HB then DHP may help cover the remainder of the rent.

**Council Tax Reduction/Support (CTR/CTS):** **Through Local Council**

This helps in reducing/supporting council tax. It takes into account income/savings.

**Pension Credit:** **Claim Line: 0800 991 234**

This is for pension age people on a low income. It takes into account savings as well.

**Housing Benefit (HB) for over pension age:** **Through Local Council**

This is claimed for help with the rent. HB takes into account income and/or savings.

**Health Benefits:** **Online (LIS Orders): <https://apps.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/>**

This help includes help towards NHS prescriptions, NHS dental charges, NHS wigs and fabric supports, eye test, contact lenses or glasses and travel to receive NHS treatment. This can be claimed on low income grounds by completing HC1 form or for a refund HC5 form (ordered online) or one may qualify automatically if on particular means tested benefits like UC, IS, IR ESA, IB JSA, PC (Guarantee) or tax credits.

**Macmillan Grants:** **Through Benefits Advisor/Health Professional**

This is a one off means tested grant on average of about £350. This is to help people with the extra costs that cancer can bring.

***Detailed information for most of these benefits is also available on [www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk)***

**This is not an exhaustive list of benefits available.**