



Admission to Hospital Factsheet

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What happens to your Benefits if you are admitted to Hospital?

A short stay in hospital will not affect payment of most of your Benefits.

After 28 continuous days in hospital the following Benefits will stop being paid

Attendance Allowance

Disability Living Allowance Care Component

Disability Living Allowance Mobility Component – but only the weekly allowance that is collected by payment book or paid into your bank account

A motability agreement for rental of a car will continue to run for the duration of the agreement

What happens if you have several short Periods in hospital?

Staying at home for less than 28 days between 2 periods in hospital?

If you are discharged from hospital and then re-admitted within 28 days, the 2 periods in hospital will be linked as one period. For example, if you were admitted to hospital for 21 days and then discharged and re-admitted for another 21 days 2 weeks later, the 2 periods would be linked as one period of 42 days. The above Benefits would stop after 7 days into the second admission.

Breaking the link by spending more than 28 days at home.

If 2 separate periods in hospital of less than 28 days are separated by a period at home of more than 28 days, the 2 periods will not be linked and payment of Attendance Allowance or Disability Living Allowance Care Component will continue to be paid.

After 52 weeks in hospital

If you are admitted to hospital after April 2005 you will be assisted by the new rule that takes effect in April 2006. See Below for details:

Admitted to hospital before April 2005

The following Non Means Tested Benefits will be reduced:

- Incapacity Benefit
- Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit

The following Means Tested Benefits will be reduced:

- Income Support
- Pension Credit
- Housing Benefit
- Council Tax Benefit

A Personal Requirement Rate of £16.40 currently replaces these Benefits.

Admitted to hospital from April 2005

- The 6 Benefits below will not be affected by any stay in hospital, for whatever duration because the 52-week Benefit reduction rule is due to be abolished in April 2006.
- Incapacity Benefit
- Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit
- Income Support
- Pension Credit
- Housing Benefit
- Council Tax Benefit

Disability Living Allowance (care and mobility components) and Attendance Allowance will still continue to be stopped after 28 days. See the 28-day rule above.

For help to check exactly which benefits you are able to claim, help to fill in the necessary forms or to discuss any problems you have with your benefits call:

Macmillan Benefits Helpline on freephone 0808 808 0000
Mon – Fri 9am – 8pm

Alternatively, you can contact an Asbestos Support Group, your local Citizens' Advice Bureau or a local specialist nurse for advice and assistance.