



Before Hospital Factsheet

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Are you going into hospital soon?

What you must do beforehand?

Although the Benefits rules have now been simplified with regard to what happens to your Benefits when you or a dependant of yours goes into hospital as an inpatient you should still do the following:

- Write to the DWP Offices that are dealing with the payment of your Benefits. Disability Living Allowance Care Component and Attendance Allowance are paid by the Disability Benefits Centre on telephone no. 08457 123456. Other Benefits may be paid by local Benefit Offices.

Seek assistance – contact details below.

- Advise all the relevant DWP Offices of the date you expect to be admitted to hospital and how long you are likely to stay. If your admission is cancelled or shortened you should advise the DWP Offices immediately.
- **Medical Certificates**
If you need a sick note in order to receive benefits whilst in hospital you need to ask the Ward Sister for one and request that it is sent off to the local DWP Office.

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.