

Financial Support

Information for patients, carers
and families

You could get money to help with living costs if you're nearing the end of life because of an illness.

If your doctor or a medical professional has told you that you might have 12 months or less to live, you might be able to:

- get benefits at a higher rate or get extra money
- start getting payments quicker than usual

This is sometimes called 'special rules for end of life'.

You should ask a medical professional to fill in form SR1 so you can get the benefit you applied for under special rules. They will have the form.

Medical professionals include:

- GPs
- Hospital doctors
- Registered nurses (for example, Macmillan nurses or specialist nurses)

They will send the form to the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to support your benefit application, but you can also send it yourself, the address is on the form.

You only need one SR1 form, even if you apply for more than one benefit.

If you have reached state pension age you can apply for Attendance Allowance.

If you are under state pension age you can check if you are eligible for these benefits:

- Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
- Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
- Universal Credit

If you are caring for someone

You may be eligible for financial support if you care for someone who is nearing the end of their life.

If you care for someone for at least 35 hours a week, check if you can get Carer's Allowance.

If you care for someone at least 20 hours a week and you're under State Pension age, check if you can get Carer's Credit.

Further help and support

If you need further help or support with financial matters you can get help from the following:

- **Macmillan Cancer Support** - practical and emotional support at the end of life - 0808 808 00 00
- **Carers Matters Norfolk** - 0800 083 1148
- **Carers UK** - support and advice for carers - 020 7378 4999
- **Citizens Advice** - for financial advice and support - 0800 144 8848
- **Money Helper** - advice on money and benefits
www.moneyhelper.org.uk
- **Big C** - welfare advice - 0800 092 7640
- **Age UK** - Advice on managing money and benefits - 03005 00121

