

Care Related NHS & State Benefits

State Benefits

Over half of the benefits are not means tested. Attendance Allowance is one of these, payable to people over the age of 65 who have needed help with personal care and making sure they are safe for longer than six months, regardless of whether or not they are in a care home.

Attendance Allowance is available at two rates: a lower rate, for those who need help during the day or the night and a higher rate, for those needing care during both the day and night.

The current weekly figures are £54.45 lower rate and £81.30 for the higher rate.

Request an application form from the Attendance Allowance service centre on 0845 605 6055. If you need any help why not ask Nicola Taylor the Club Symponia Benefits expert alternatively look at your finances in more detail with your most local Symponia member.

People needing care under the age of 65 may still qualify for a disability benefit but for those who qualify this is paid as Disability Living Allowance or its replacement Personal Independence Payment (PIP). Have a look at the FAQ page or ask our expert a question if you are not sure.

Don't forget Pension Credit – it might surprise you to know that 4 million people are entitled to it but one third of people entitled do not both to claim – if you think this is you ask our expert.

Have a look at our FAQ's and/or ask our expert if you have a question about these or any other benefits.

NHS funded Nursing Care?

Following the implementation of the Health & Social Care Act 2001, individuals assessed as needing nursing care in a home with nursing, are entitled to receive an additional nursing care allowance. This allowance is non-means tested and tax-free, although how much is paid will depend on where you live.

England	£110.89
Scotland	£77
Wales	Determined by Local Health Boards
Northern Ireland	£100

In addition to the above a person may qualify for NHS fully-funded Continuing Healthcare, where the cost of care is paid by the NHS (but to qualify for this benefit, patients must be unstable and/or unpredictable and need constant 24-hour specialist/acute nursing care). The local Clinical Commissioning Group will carry out a NHS Continuing Care assessment on request

What about Personal Care?

Personal Care is only available in Scotland and is currently paid at £169 per week. Should a resident living in Scotland qualify for Personal Care, they are no longer eligible to receive Attendance Allowance.

