



Disability assistance for terminally ill children

Child Disability Payment will provide someone with financial support if they are caring for a child under 16 who has been diagnosed with a terminal illness. The benefit is available no matter how long ago their child was diagnosed or their life expectancy.

Child Disability Payment is made up of 2 parts: a care part and a mobility part.

The mobility part of Child Disability Payment is only available to children aged 3 and over.

How to apply

All we need is:

- a shortened Child Disability Payment application form that asks only for basic information
- confirmation of the child's diagnosis from a registered doctor or nurse involved in their care or diagnosis

The form the doctor or nurse should complete and return to us is the Benefits Assessment under Special Rules (BASRiS) form to tell us about their terminal illness. This allows us to fast-track the application. Someone can ask them to submit this form to us or ask us to request this from them.

If their doctor or healthcare practitioner has completed a DS1500 form or a SR1 form instead, Social Security Scotland will accept this.

When we receive an application

Once an application is successfully completed:

- they will automatically get the highest award for care
- they will automatically get the highest rate for mobility if the child is 3 years old or over
- their award will be ongoing without needing a review
- their award will be calculated from the date we receive your application or the date terminal illness was diagnosed, whichever is earliest.

How long will this take?

The application will be fast-tracked and dealt with by our specially-trained staff. We will send a letter with our decision.

Getting a second opinion on a diagnosis

Someone can seek a second opinion if they disagree with clinical opinion that the child is not terminally ill. Find out more about the Charter of Patients' Rights and Responsibilities by going to mygov.scot and searching for patients' rights.

How can someone find out more and apply?

They can find out more and apply online at mygov.scot/benefits. They can also apply in person, over the phone or ask for a paper application form by post by calling us free on **0800 182 2222**.



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How can people contact us?



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