

About the Independent Living Fund

The ILF may make payments to disabled people to be used towards the cost of appointing personal assistants or using a care agency, to provide the personal care and domestic assistance they need to live at home. To get payments from the ILF, you need to meet certain conditions (see leaflet 1 for more information).

Summary

This leaflet explains how to apply for more money from the ILF. You can ask us to review your case at any time. It does not matter when you started to get money from us or the last time your money went up. We will ask you how much more personal care and domestic assistance you need, why you need it and how much it will cost. We may need an ILF assessor to visit you.

Sometimes we cannot give you any more money because you are already getting the maximum amount we can give you. If this happens, you will need to ask your Social Services Department to provide you with the extra support you need.

Other formats

We can provide this leaflet in different formats, please contact our User Liaison Managers for more details.

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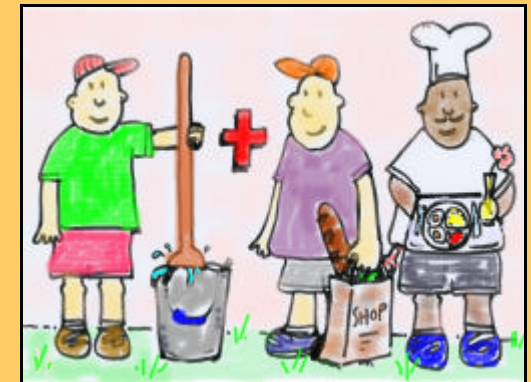


This leaflet is not legal advice, and although it does not deal with your specific situation, it does set out your general obligations to the ILF. Any figures or references to documents are correct at the time of issuing. The ILF reserves the right to update this leaflet from time to time.

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Leaflet 17

Need more care? Care costs gone up?



This leaflet tells you how to apply for more money from the ILF



**Independent
Living Funds**

Creating Choice for Disabled People

Do you need more care or have your care costs gone up?

Over time, you may find that you need more personal care and domestic assistance. This could be because—

- somebody who has been giving you support cannot carry on
- more help with personal care because your condition has changed.

Sometimes the cost of your care might go up even if your care needs have not changed. **If this happens, you need to apply for more money.**

When you apply we will look at your care package and see if we can give you any more money. You can ask us to do this at any time by writing to us or phoning us.

If you apply for more money the ILF will need to know -

- How many hours of care you have each week
- How much this care costs
- How many extra hours of care you need
- Who will be giving you the extra help
- The cost of any extra help
- Up to date information about your money, your income and your benefits.

Group 2 Users (applications received after 1/10/07 and former 93 Fund users)

If you applied since 1993, your local social services department has to make a contribution towards your care package.

If you apply for more money the ILF will need to contact social services to ask about what support you are getting from them.

The most we can pay you every week is £455. This means we cannot give you more than this. This amount does not include the money that you pay towards your care. Please read leaflets 3, 4 and 5 for more information.

Group 1 Users (former Extension Fund users)

If you need some extra help, we may ask if your local social services department can help fund the extra costs, particularly if you need a lot more help. We will let you know before we contact them.

The most we can pay you every week is £785.

This amount does not include the money that you pay towards your care such as half your Disability Living Allowance.

How the ILF work out how much money you need



Once you have given the ILF all the information we need we will look at your case. One of the first things we do is decide whether one of our assessors should visit you.

If you need a lot more care we will send an assessor out to see you. Leaflet 18 tells you what will happen.



We will decide whether we can offer you more money once we know

- who will be giving you the extra care
- how much it costs
- when it will start

We will ask you for information about the money you have and the benefits you receive and decide how much you should pay towards your care. This process is exactly the same as when you first applied to us.

In some circumstances, for example, if you already receive the highest amount we can pay, we cannot offer you any more money.

It does take time to gather all the information we need. You may not hear from us for up to 8 weeks. During this time you can phone us to check on the progress.