



Welfare Reforms
Carer's Allowance

Are you claiming Carers Allowance for someone in receipt of DLA?

Disability benefits are changing in Northern Ireland.

Personal Independence Payments (better known as PIPs) will soon replace Disability Living Allowance for working age claimants aged between 16 and 64.

When will this change take place?

Anyone making a new claim for a disability benefit now has to apply for Personal Independence Payments.

An exercise is underway to move everyone of working age currently claiming Disability Living Allowance to Personal Independence Payments.

It is expected that everyone of working age with disabilities will be claiming PIPs by December 2018.

What does this mean for Carers?

While Carer's Allowance is not changing, your entitlement may be affected if the person you look after loses their disability benefit

when they are reassessed for Personal Independence Payments.

As PIPs is a new benefit and assessed differently from DLA, many claimants will feel some uncertainty while going through the new application process.

What help is available for Carers?

In Northern Ireland there is a government fund to help those affected by the changes. Carers in particular will be supported by this fund. If the person you care for is unsuccessful in claiming the new PIPs, you will be able to claim payments to cover any financial loss you incur. This will give you time to seek expert advice.



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Advice and Guidance

If you would like further advice or information please contact our in-house advice team on 02890877047 or email money.advice@clanmil.org.uk with your questions.

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