

Benefits - Going into hospital

Benefit	Length of time in hospital			
	Days 1 – 28 (See note 1)	Day 29 (after 4 weeks)	Day 85 (after 12 weeks)	After 52 weeks
Disability Living Allowance (DLA) – child (under 16 years old)	No change <i>see note 1</i>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DLA care and mobility component stop (however, see note re Motability agreements below).
Disability Living Allowance (DLA) – adults (16+ years old) Attendance Allowance (AA)	No change <i>See note 1</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> DLA care and mobility stop (if Motability agreement already in force, mobility component will continue until agreement expires). AA stops. Severe disability premium withdrawn once DLA or AA stops. 		
Carer's Allowance (CA)	No change <i>See note 1</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CA is lost when person cared for is in hospital and loses AA or DLA. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stops after carer has been in hospital for up to 12 weeks. <i>See note 1 and note 2.</i> 	
Incapacity Benefit (IB) Severe Disablement Allowance (SDA)	No change <i>See note 1</i>			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your IB or SDA will be reduced to £15.50 a week. If you have a dependent wife or husband in hospital, the weekly rate if IB or SDA paid to you for them is reduced to £15.50 a week.
Income Support (IS)	No change <i>See note 1</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IS may stop once premiums lost due to loss of DLA, AA or CA (see above) – put in fresh claim for HB/CTB. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If patient is a dependent child their personal allowance is reduced to £15.50. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are a single claimant your personal allowance is cut to £15.50 a week. All premiums are withdrawn. If patient is a dependent child you continue to have the £15.50 allowance included in your IS – provided you are regularly spending money on the child's behalf. If you are one of a couple or you are a lone parent – <i>See note 4.</i>
Pension Credit (PC) – (from 6/10/03) – <i>See note 3</i>	No change <i>See note 1</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional amounts paid for severe disability and for carers (you qualify for these additional amounts in the same way as for IS premiums) will be lost once DLA, AA or CA is lost. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The guarantee credit of PC is downrated in a similar fashion to IS (though the allowances for dependant children do not apply). The savings credit element is not downrated but may still change if additions are withdrawn.

Housing Benefit (HB) Council Tax Benefit (CTB)	No change <i>See note 1</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB and CTB will continue to be paid whilst you are in hospital for up to 52 weeks provided you intend to return home within this period or very soon after. However, loss of benefits such as DLA, AA or CA will mean HB and CTB will need to be recalculated or may be lost. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HB/CTB stop (if you have dependents or others living in your home they may claim in their own right).
Jobseeker's Allowance (JSA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Can continue for up to 2 weeks. When JSA stops claim IB and/or IS. 		
Child Benefit (CB) Guardian's allowance (GA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child (or a child you care for) goes into hospital CB and GA are paid automatically for the first 12 weeks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CB and GA can continue only if you are regularly spending money on the child's behalf – if CB or GA end child dependant additions payable with other benefits will end. 	
Working Tax Credit (WTC) Child Tax Credit (CTC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WTC and CTC are not affected by a stay in hospital until the award runs out - See note 5. You may find that you cannot reapply while in hospital because you cannot satisfy the 16 hour a week work rule – seek advice. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a child has been in hospital for 52 weeks or more at the start of your claim you will not receive credits for them.
War Disablement Pension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If treatment is for war injury - pension may increase. Basic war disablement pension is unaffected by a stay in hospital. Contact the War Pensions Helpline (0800 169 2277) or write to the Veterans Agency, Norcross, Blackpool, Lancashire FY5 3WP. 		
Industrial Injuries Disablement Benefit Exceptionally Severe Disablement Allowance Maternity Allowance Reduced Earnings Allowance Retirement Allowance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All continue to be paid whilst a claimant is in hospital. 		
Statutory Sick Pay Statutory Maternity pay Statutory Paternity pay Statutory Adoption pay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All are paid for a limited period but are not otherwise affected by a stay in hospital. 		