

Disability Living Allowance for children

For children with extra care and/or mobility needs as a result of a disability or health condition including mental health & behaviour issues. It is an allowance to help cover the costs of their additional needs.

You will need medical evidence to say why your child's needs are different than another child without their health issues & what extra care they need.

Care needs

- They need help with 'bodily functions' e.g. eating, washing, dressing and going to the toilet or some social activities. They must need more care and attention than other children of the same age.

Mobility needs

- They need guidance or supervision with walking outdoors or cannot walk far. This might apply if your child is blind, has physical difficulties, or if they have severe learning difficulties or behaviour issues.

If your child gets DLA, you may also qualify for Carers Allowance and/or the Motability scheme.

How much is DLA?

There are two parts of DLA for care & mobility. You can get either or both. The amount you get depends on the level of support needed. The amounts change slightly every April.

Let all other benefits office & Tax Credits know if anyone in the household gets DLA – it can mean extra money on other benefits & also means the Benefit Cap won't apply!

How do I make a claim?

Phone the Disability Service Centre on 0800 121 4433 (Mon-Fri 9-5) for a claim form.

Challenging decisions

If you disagree with the decision made you must dispute this within 1 calendar month of the date on the decision letter.

For further help & advice contact;

- Your local Citizens Advice office
- Worthing Homes financial inclusion co-ordinators on 01903 703110
- Turn2us (benefits & grants charity) www.turn2us.org.uk