

Claim for help with health costs

Do you find it difficult to pay for health costs?
You may be entitled to help through the NHS Low Income Scheme



Use this form if you need help with paying for:

- NHS prescriptions;
- NHS dental treatment;
- NHS wigs and fabric supports;
- sight tests, glasses and contact lenses; or
- travel to receive NHS treatment under the care of a consultant.

You might not have to pay for them or you could be entitled to some help towards the cost.

You can claim at any time. Do not wait until you need treatment.

You can claim for:

- yourself;
- your partner; or
- your children.

If you need help or have any questions about filling in this form, you can phone our customer enquiry line on **0845 850 1166**. If English is not your first language, phone this number and we will provide an interpretation service over the phone.

You do not need to fill in this form if you or your partner are:

- getting Income Support;
- getting Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit);
- getting income-based Jobseeker's Allowance; or
- named on, or entitled to, an NHS Tax Credit Exemption Certificate.

You are already entitled to full help with health costs. However, if you paid any health costs **before** you started getting any of these benefits or **before** you became entitled to your NHS Tax Credit Exemption Certificate, read the back cover of this form to find out how to claim your money back.

You cannot get help with health costs if you or your partner (or both) have more than:

- £16,000 in savings, investments or property (not counting the place where you live); or
- £21,500 in savings, investments or property if you live permanently in a care home.

Important note. If you are living in a care home or are aged 16 or 17 and have just left local-authority care, you may need to use the shorter form, HC1(SC). Phone our customer enquiry line on **0845 850 1166** and we will tell you what to do.