

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 if referred by a doctor (GP or hospital doctor), optician or dentist.

You might not have to pay 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 **0300 330 1343**. 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 Universal Credit and you had no earnings or net earnings of £435 or less during the most recent assessment period (£935 if you had a child element or had limited capability for work);
- getting income-based Jobseeker's Allowance;
- getting income-related Employment and Support Allowance;
- named on, or entitled to, an NHS Tax Credit Exemption Certificate;
- or if you are under age 20 and someone is getting one of the benefits listed above which includes you as a dependent.

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 **page C** of this form to find out if you can 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
- £23,250 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 be able to use the shorter form, HC1(SC). Phone our customer enquiry line on **0300 330 1343** and we will tell you what to do.