

## Quick Benefits Quiz

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### Question 1

A disabled person who can't drive can still get a Disabled Parking Badge.

Answer:  True ✓

The disabled person can be the passenger, and doesn't have to be the driver. Call Derbyshire County Council (01629 580000) or Derby City Council (01332 293111) to get an application form for a Blue Badge

### Question 2

I can get my partner's funeral costs paid by the Department for Work and Pensions because I am receiving Pension Credit.

Answer:  True ✓

People on Pension Credit are eligible to apply for a Funeral Payment from the DWP's Social Fund but there is an upper limit on the costs covered.

Download a claim form from here:

[http://www.dwp.gov.uk/advisers/claimforms/sf200\\_print.pdf](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/advisers/claimforms/sf200_print.pdf) and return to local Jobcentre Plus office.

### Question 3

People on Income Support who travel to hospital for treatment can get their travel costs refunded.

Answer:  True ✓

This also applies to people on other means-tested benefits such as the Guarantee Credit of Pension Credit, Income based Jobseekers Allowance and certain people on Working Tax Credit or Child Tax Credit. Patients should ask at the hospital and save bus tickets, parking receipts and a record of their appointments.

### Question 4

Benefits are only for people on a low income so it isn't worth claiming if the person is fairly well off.

Answer:  False ✓

Some benefits, such as DLA and Attendance Allowance, aren't means-tested at all and it does not matter how much income or savings you have. Others, such as Employment and Support Allowance may be based on National Insurance contributions rather than income and savings. To get a claim pack for DLA or AA call 08457 123456.

### Question 5

Benefits will be stopped as soon as a patient is admitted to hospital.

Answer:  False ✓

Some benefits are affected by a stay in hospital but this won't take effect for at least four weeks, and in some cases up to a year.

### Question 6

The Department for Work and Pensions do not give grants for bedding/clothing, etc.

Answer:  False ✓

The DWP's Social Fund includes grants as well as loans. If someone is terminally ill and on a means-tested benefit they may be able to get a Community Care Grant. Also, remember Macmillan Grants if the patient has cancer.

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[http://www.dwp.gov.uk/advisers/claimforms/sf300\\_print.pdf](http://www.dwp.gov.uk/advisers/claimforms/sf300_print.pdf) and return to local Jobcentre Plus office and speak to a Macmillan nurse or Macmillan welfare rights adviser about the Macmillan Grant.

### Question 7

I had to give up a well-paid job to look after my Mum towards the end of her life and my Carer's Allowance was only £53.10 a week.

Answer:  True ✓

Carer's Allowance is paid at this rate for people who spend more than 35 hours a week caring for a sick or disabled person. It is not based on previous earnings but if you are on a low income you may be able to get extra benefits as a top-up. Seek advice from Welfare Rights as Carer's benefits can be tricky and can impact negatively upon the benefits of the person being cared for!

### Question 8

Attendance Allowance is a disability benefit for people aged 65 and over and is paid to the disabled person, not the carer.

Answer:  True ✓

Entitlement is based on the claimant's personal care needs. People often get Carer's Allowance confused with Attendance Allowance.

To get a claim pack for Attendance Allowance call 08457 123456

### Question 9

You don't have to be a Council tenant to claim Housing Benefit for help with the rent.

Answer:  True ✓

Housing Benefit is administered by the Council but it can be claimed by all tenants who are eligible, including private and housing association tenants. Patients should claim Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit from their Local Authority which is Derby City or their relevant Borough or District Council if elsewhere in Derbyshire.

### Question 10

I'm disabled but I can't claim Disability Living Allowance because I work.

Answer:  False ✓

DLA is a disability benefit for people under 65 – entitlement is based on your care and mobility needs, not your ability to work. To get a claim pack for Disability Living Allowance call 08457 123456