

HELP WITH HEALTH COSTS

Are you entitled to claim?



Dental

The majority of patients pay for their NHS dental treatment so if you are claiming help with health costs, it is your responsibility to check that you are entitled before you declare that you do not have to pay. Routine checks are carried out by the Business Services Organisation. If you claim free treatment that you are not entitled to, you could face penalty charges of up to £150, in addition to the original treatment charge. It is therefore in your best interest to claim correctly.

Who is entitled?

You are entitled to free or reduced cost treatment if you :

✓	are included in an award for Income Support	✓	are named on a valid HC2 Certificate
✓	are included in an award for Income-related Employment and Support Allowance	✓	are named on a valid HC3 Certificate (offering partial assistance with charges)
✓	are included in an award for Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance	✓	are under 18 years of age
✓	are included in an award for Pension Credit Guarantee Credit	✓	are aged 18 and in full time education
✓	are entitled to or named on a valid NHS Tax Credit Exemption Certificate	✓	are pregnant or have had a baby in the previous 12 months

Not all benefits entitle you to free treatment. You are not entitled to claim help with health costs if you only receive, or are included in, an award of:

✗	Contribution-based Employment and Support Allowance	✗	Incapacity Benefit
✗	Contribution-based Jobseeker's Allowance	✗	Carers Allowance
✗	Pension Credit Savings Credit	✗	Personal Independence Payment (PIP)
✗	Disability Living Allowance	✗	Housing Benefit
✗	Universal Credit (patients must have a valid HC2 certificate)		

Further Information

If you are still unsure if you qualify for help with health costs please contact :



the HSC Patient Charges Advice Line
0800 5878 982



or go online at
www.probityservices.hscni.net



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