



HANDY

GUIDES

# Benefits

AND HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE



Understanding and accessing the **benefits system** can be complex and daunting. The complexity is caused as there are many benefits which are **means tested** (how much money you have), others are based on **national insurance contributions**, and some are based on **health conditions** or **disability**. It can be further complicated as some benefits are dependent on someone else in your household receiving a particular benefit.

## Main Benefits for HD Families

### Universal Credit

**Universal credit is a benefit payment available to those who are in or out of work. It can be used to support with housing costs, seeking employment, or receiving tax credits.**



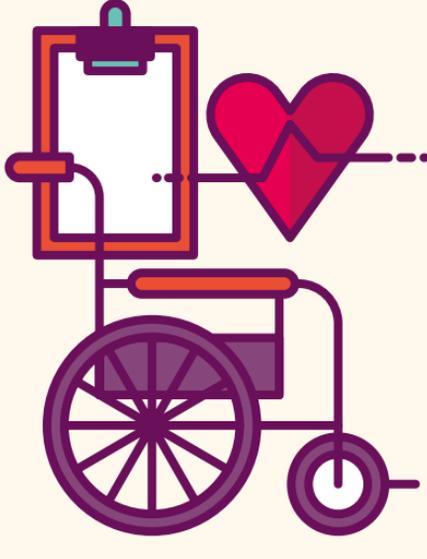
It may be available if you are **over 18**, are **out of work** or on a **low income**, you have **limited savings** and **live in the UK**.

People with HD may be entitled to this benefit if they are **out of work**, or have to **reduce their hours** due to their illness. It can also help with getting appropriate **housing**.

### PIP

**Personal Independence Payment (PIP) is a social security payment that helps with the costs of a long-term health condition or disability. It is available for those aged 16 and over. This payment is replacing Disability Living Allowance (DLA).**

PIP is a **non-means tested** benefit, so it doesn't matter how much you earn or have in savings.



There are two components to PIP – **Mobility** and **Daily Living**. Depending on how your condition impacts you it is possible to get one or both components at either a standard or enhanced rate. PIP is paid following an assessment.

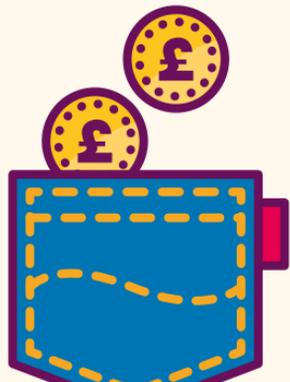
### Carer's Allowance

**Carer's Allowance is the main social security payment for carers.**

It pays a **set amount** each week; however there are strict criteria to be eligible for it, including; caring for someone who receives PIP, spending 35 hours per week looking after the person, be 16+ years old and not in full-time education.



### Young Carer's Grant



**In Scotland, Young Carers aged 16–18 years old who do not qualify for Carer's Allowance might be eligible for the Young Carer's Grant – currently a yearly payment of £305.**

**It's important to remember that these figures and payment amounts can change each year, and may be withdrawn or changed by the Government.**

For further advice and support with any Benefit or Social Security payment please contact **SHA's Financial Wellbeing Service** who will be able to support you with a benefits check, help perform a Financial Health Check and also provide advice & support with your benefit claim.

