



Finance and Dementia

People who have been diagnosed with dementia may be entitled to claim certain benefits. If you often forget to take your tablets, forget to eat or don't remember to go to bed at nighttime, or you cannot wash and dress yourself without help, then you could be able to claim Attendance Allowance (AA) if you are over 65 or Personal Independence Payment (PIP) if you are under 65.

Attendance Allowance



This is not based on your finances; anybody can apply for it. You will either get the lower rate **£59.70*** per week or the higher rate **£89.15***.

The forms are quite complex, but you can get support to complete them, remember to add ALL health issues and not just the memory problems.

If you are awarded Attendance Allowance you can claim a discount on your Council Tax. Either 25% discount for a couple or 100% if you live alone.

Personal Independence Payment

This is extra money to help you with everyday life if you are diagnosed with dementia and are under 65. You can get it on top of Employment and Support Allowance or other benefits. Your income and savings do not affect your eligibility. For further information on PIP visit: www.citizensadvice.org.uk

Carers Allowance

If the person you care for receives Attendance Allowance or certain other benefits, you may be able to claim Carers Allowance. You cannot claim this if you are retired, in full time education or earning more than £128.00 per week.

General information about finances

To get help to pay for care services you will need a financial assessment. You should have **LESS** than **£23,250*** savings – if you have a joint account half the savings will be counted. The value of your house will only be included if you live alone and own your own property.

If you are over this limit you would be classed as self-funding and would need to pay for care support.

Do not be tempted to give money or property away to come under the financial limits, if it is thought you are trying to 'hide' money or assets by giving them away you will not get financial support.

For more information –
see www.gov.uk



*Correct at the time of printing