

## About the Independent Living Fund

The ILF may make payments to disabled people to be used towards the cost of appointing personal assistants or using a care agency, to provide the personal care and domestic assistance they need to live at home. To get payments from the ILF, you need to meet certain conditions (see leaflet 1 for more information).

## Summary

This leaflet gives you details of what the ILF needs to know about you and what you need to do to avoid having to repay money to the ILF.

When you tell us about a change in your life we will look at your care needs again and see if you need extra or less help. Often, when we are told about a change, it means that the amount of money you get from the ILF goes up. Sometimes, the amount of money you get from the ILF will go down. This will happen for the reasons we have told you about in this leaflet.

You must tell the ILF about a change, even if it is small.

## Other formats

We can provide this leaflet in different formats, please contact our Public Communications Managers for more details.

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## Don't get into Debt



**This leaflet explains how to avoid getting into debt with us**



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Living Funds**

Creating Choice for Disabled People

## Things you need to tell the ILF about

You must tell us about the following changes in the support you get from social services—

- You start or stop getting direct payments
- The cost of the services you get falls below £320 a week or £16,640 a year
- You start or stop paying a charge to social services for care they give you

You must tell us about the following changes in your benefits —


- The rate of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) you get changes
- You start or stop getting Severe Disability Premium (SDP). This will be shown on your Income Support /Income Based Job Seekers Allowance/Pension Credit statement under *"How your benefit is worked out"*, where it will say— *"Because you are severely disabled"*
- You (or your partner) get a new benefit or stop getting a benefit

You must tell us about family changes —

- You have a child
- Your child leaves home or leaves school or college
- You get married or start to live with your partner
- You get divorced, or stop living with a partner

You must tell the ILF when things change in your life, because it may affect the amount of money you get from us.

If you do not tell us about a change it could lead to an overpayment. This means that the ILF may have paid you money you should not have had and you will have to pay this money back.



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You must tell us about the following changes in the personal care you receive—

- You change your care agency
- You need more or less care
- The cost of your care goes up or down

You must tell us about the following changes in your living arrangements —

- You go into hospital or residential care (even if it is just for a short time). See leaflets 14 and 15 for more information
- You move house

You must tell us about the following changes in your income—

- The ILF need to know if there is a change in your or your partner's income. For example, if you get money from an investment, a savings plan or you start to receive a state or private pension

You must tell us about the following changes in your financial circumstances—

- You change the bank or building society account that we pay your money into
- Someone starts to claim Carer's Allowance for giving care to you