

Doctor's report for

- Personal Independence Payment,
- Disability Living Allowance,
- Attendance Allowance,
- Employment and Support Allowance,
- Incapacity Benefit, or
- Universal Credit

under special rules for terminal illness.

**Please read the instructions on the pages overleaf.**

**They tell you**

- **about the DS1500 Report**
- **how to complete the form**
- **how to claim your fee if you are eligible.**

**Please store this electronic form securely so access is only available to those authorised.**

**Report any possible unauthorised use urgently to:  
Department for Work and Pensions National  
Benefit Fraud Hotline                      0800 854440**

### **This form is intended for patients who are claiming benefit under Special Rules for terminally ill people.**

It is not a claim form, as doctors cannot claim on behalf of their patients. The DS1500 asks for factual information and does not require you to give a prognosis.

### **What we mean by terminally ill.**

In social security law someone is terminally ill if:

- they are suffering from a **progressive disease** and, as a consequence of that disease
- are **not expected to live longer than 6 months**.

You should issue form E-DS1500 **only** if requested by patients (or their representatives) **and** you consider that the patient may be suffering from a potentially terminal illness.

### **Disability Living Allowance (DLA), Attendance Allowance (AA) and Personal Independence Payment (PIP)**

Under the Special Rules someone who is terminally ill can get DLA, AA or PIP:

- even if they do not need help with looking after themselves
- straight away.

Their claim will be treated as urgent. When returning E-DS1500 forms to DWP, please ensure a separate email is used for each individual patient.

### **Incapacity Benefit (IB)**

Normally, people claiming IB can get the highest rate of benefit after 52 weeks of sickness. But someone who is terminally ill can get the highest rate of IB after 28 weeks of sickness, and will not normally be required to attend for medical examination.

### **Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) and Universal Credit**

Under the Special Rules someone who is terminally ill will be placed immediately into the 'Support Group' category and awarded the highest rate of benefit. They will not be required to attend a medical assessment.

### **Patients who may not know the true nature of their illness**

When a patient asks you for an E-DS1500 Report, please do not assume that they know that they are terminally ill. They may not fully understand what the Special Rules are.

**For Disability Living Allowance, Attendance Allowance and Personal Independence Payment only** any person representing the patient may make a 3rd party claim on their behalf, even if the patient is unaware that a claim is being made. An E-DS1500 should be issued on request to the representative.

### **When to fill in this form**

Please fill in this form promptly if a patient you are treating for a terminal illness, or their representative, asks you to. The patient needs this form urgently to support their claim under the Special Rules for

- Disability Living Allowance
- Attendance Allowance
- Personal Independence Payment
- Employment and Support Allowance or Incapacity Benefit
- Universal Credit.

It will not normally be necessary for you to examine the patient. You may use your own knowledge and the patient's records to get the information you need.

### **What information to give on the form**

We need factual information, not a prognosis, to help us decide whether the patient is terminally ill under social security law. Please use language that you would normally use when communicating with other doctors.

### **What to do with the completed form**

Return this to DWP by attaching the completed PDF to an email and sending to PIP.E-DS1500@DWP.GSI.GOV.UK. This must be sent from the authorised NHS.net email account.

To claim your fee, complete the separate pdf fee form – see below for further information.

**Remember – only complete an E-DS1500 Report if your patient or their representative asks you to and you consider that the patient may be suffering from a potentially terminal illness.**

### **How to claim your fee**

We will pay your fee into your bank or building society account. Only GPs and GMC registered consultants can claim a fee. Only original copies of the form will be accepted.

**For claims to ESA, IB or Universal Credit**

– send the fee form to the nearest Jobcentre Plus.

**For claims to DLA or AA**

– send the fee form to the nearest Benefits Centre.

**For claims to DLA/AA and ESA or IB**

– send the fee form to the nearest Benefits Centre.

**For claims to PIP**

– complete the PDF fee form.