

# Policy 22 Living Expenses Allowance

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## 1.0 Background

The historical Living Expenses Allowance policy allowed for a sum of money to be paid to recipients who were engaging care on either a live-in or 24 hour basis or incurred extra living costs, such as higher food, electric and gas bills. They may also have needed to provide their carer with bedding and other such costs associated with live-in and night time care.

## 2.0 Policy

ILF Scotland will not normally agree any new Living expense allowance requests and will not normally increase the amount of any Living expense allowance that is already being paid

## 3.0 Procedure

ILF Scotland will continue to pay any Living expenses allowance that were previously agreed prior to a recipient's transfer to ILF Scotland, at the agreed rate, but will not normally increase this allowance.

The living expense allowance should be removed from a recipient's care package where it becomes evident that it is no longer appropriate to pay this, for example, where the recipient no longer has a live-in PA or full 24-hour care provided on a shift basis.

## 4.0 History Date Reviewed

Version 1: 1 July 2015