

Policy 8 Carers' Allowance

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1.0 Background

Carers Allowance (CA) (and CA Supplement (Scotland)) involves both a financial amount and an element of care provision. ILF Scotland will consider how to treat CA in the care assessment and, in Northern Ireland, in the financial assessment, where the recipient's partners receives CA.

2.0 Policy

2.1 Financial Assessment

ILF Scotland disregards CA as a source of income for the purposes of a notional assessment calculation. Where a partner is in receipt of CA in respect of the recipient, ILF Scotland will disregard CA as income.

2.2 Care Assessment

CA is payable if the carer provides a minimum of 35 hours of care per week. The ILF Scotland Assessor must consider this when assessing the total care requirement.

Care provided by a person who is in receipt of CA is not restricted to the support and services listed in [Policy 41: Use of ILF Scotland Funding](#). The recipient and their carer will agree the care and support requirements during the 35 CA hours.

A carers premium should be included as part of the allowances and premiums on the notional assessment if a partner is entitled to receive CA, whether or not CA is actually in payment

3.0 Procedure

ILF Scotland will verify if CA is in payment but do not require details of who provides it.

The ILF Scotland Assessor will ensure that the care plan includes the 35 hours of CA funded care. The Assessor may recommend that ILF Scotland consider additional level of care above the 35 hours.

ILF Scotland Specialist Caseworkers will ensure that the care grid shows the 35 hours of CA care where someone is in receipt of CA in respect of the recipient. There is no need to ask about the nature of the care tasks during those hours.

4.0 Cross References

[Policy 4: Recipients Contributions](#)

[Policy 41: Use of ILF Scotland Funding](#)

5.0 History

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