

# Decision Makers Guide

## Amended Chapters for February 2020 - Summary of changes

### Volume 8: Employment and Support Allowance

#### **Chapter 41: ESA conditions of entitlement**

Incorporate Memo DMG 25/16 about changes to collection of Class 2 NI contributions.

#### **Chapter 42: Limited capability for work and limited capability for work-related activity**

Incorporates Memo DMG 13/17 (ESA: further evidence of LCW). This memo was about changes to the guidance for HCPs (Health care professionals) about when to obtain further evidence. That guidance has now been incorporated into the HCP guidance. Note added at paragraph 42160 to refer DMs to existing guidance on the role of medical services in gathering information for the WCA.

#### **Chapter 44: Normal amount payable and components**

All references to 'CE' changed to say carer element (to avoid any confusion with child element); Pensioner Premium updated at paragraph 44094 et seq to reflect the changes to the categories of persons excluded from entitlement to SPC (mixed age couples); various minor amendments made.

#### **Chapter 45: IB, SDA and IS, claims and reassessment**

Amendments expand the existing guidance on the disregard of pension payments.

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