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I am a parent claiming for two children. I would like to say the following:

POSITIVE

I Love the new name seems more dignified than being given an "allowance" for being disabled.

I Like the idea that people have to be entitled to it so many months before and after - Very fair.

I Like the face to face consultations with physicians to find out accurate information as you say people with the same diagnosis do not always

need the same care.

NEGATIVE

You state that in the case of children you may look at the funding of their Statement of Special Educational Needs - I would have thought the opposite should be taken into account. If a school is being given a considerable amount of money to "meet the needs" of that child then you should appreciate there are parent(s) at home meeting these needs without that money so to be penalised through DfA if your child has a SEN

seems to be grossly unfair.

General Point

Scaling down the system of both Care & mobility component to make them simpler will mean (a) reduction in monies for a lot of people i.e. if you take away middle rate & only have high/low. This reduction in turn will have a knock on effect for other benefits i.e. Tax Credit. I think the rates payable need to be spread out over the two components rather than just eliminating one.

Good Luck for 2013!