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1.0 Background

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

2.0 Policy

The ILF will not normally agree any new Living expense allowance requests.

The ILF will not normally increase the amount of any Living expense allowance that is already being paid

3.0 Transfer arrangements

In partnership with a User's Local Authority the ILF will take steps to ensure the User's transfer to the Local Authority in 2015 is as smooth a process as possible. To assist this it will be beneficial for the ILF assessor to identify

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elements of funding that are included within the ILF award but that the Local Authority are unlikely to support after transfer.

Where it is identified at the user's review visit that the Local Authority will not be able to provide monies to cover costs such as the Living expenses allowance the User should be made aware of this so they are prepared for any likely change from July 2015.

4.0 Procedure

The ILF will continue to pay any Living expenses allowance that has already been agreed at the agreed rate but will not normally increase this allowance.

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

5.0 Source

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6.0 History Date Reviewed

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