

Independent Living Funds (*ref 10*)

- 1.** The Independent Living Funds (ILF) are independently administered trusts which support disabled people who want to live in their own homes.
- 2.** The Independent Living Fund (1993) can accept applications from people who are aged between 16 - 65. There is another ILF, the ILF (Extension) Fund. This is no longer taking new applications.
- 3.** To qualify for ILF money, applicants have to be receiving the highest rate of Disability Living Allowance (DLA) care component and receiving services from their local authority of at least £200 per week (after 01.04.08 this figure will go up to £320 per week for new claims). These can be in the form of a direct payment or the value of the services received. The average weekly cost of care funded by ILF and social services should not exceed £785 per week.
Want to know more about Direct Payments from Social Services? Go to [Quick Brief Direct Payments \(ref 07\)](#).
- 4.** Applicants must have less than £18,500 capital. They will be expected to pay half their DLA care component towards the cost of their care. People who receive Income Support with a Severe Disability Premium will have to pay this Premium as well.
- 5.** If an applicant's income is above the appropriate Income Support level, the ILF will ask for this 'excess' amount to be contributed towards the applicant's care.
Want to know more about Income Support? Go to [Quick Brief Income Support \(ref 09\)](#).
- 6.** Money from the ILF is paid directly to the disabled person. The maximum payment is £455 per week.
- 7.** The disabled person receiving ILF money becomes responsible for organising and paying for their own care.
- 8.** If an ILF recipient cannot act for themselves, the ILF can pay the money to someone who is looking after their affairs, e.g. an Appointee or someone with Power of Attorney.
- 10.** Money from the ILF does not mean that a person's Income Support or Incapacity Benefits are reduced.
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