

Personal Independence Payment can increase your income

And can be a 'buffer' to many of the of the recent benefit changes that may impact you or your family:



Benefit Cap

The Benefit Cap cannot affect you if someone in your benefit family is getting Personal Independence Payment (PIP).

Help with rent

No 'non-dependant deduction' can be made from your UC or HB award if you or your partner are on daily living PIP.

And no deduction is made from UC if the non-dependant is getting daily living PIP.

Social housing 'Bedroom Tax'

An extra room may be allowed if a member of your household gets daily living PIP and they need a non-household carer to stay over, and/or if they are unable to share a bedroom due to their disability.

Local Housing Allowance

Single people on daily living PIP aren't usually affected by the Shared Accommodation Rate in private tenancies.

Two Child Limit

Extra Universal Credit / Child Tax Credit / Housing Benefit can be awarded if a dependent child is getting PIP (or DLA).

Getting Income-Related ESA?

If you are awarded daily living PIP, live alone (or are treated as living alone), and no-one gets paid Carers Allowance or a Carer Element in a UC award for looking after you, then you may get more IR-ESA.

Universal Credit

Some people on daily living PIP - with the Severe Disability Premium in a legacy benefit - will receive extra UC at the start of their award.

Want to know more? Contact a Welfare Benefits Adviser.