

Help with travel costs for NHS treatment

Depending on your income, you can get essential travel costs paid to and from a place where you receive certain types of NHS treatment, if you are:

- getting Universal Credit, Income Support, income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, income-related Employment and Support Allowance or the guarantee credit part of Pension Credit. If you are getting Working Tax Credit and/or Child Tax Credit, you may be entitled to help, depending on your income
- get a war or service disablement pension and need to go to hospital for treatment for that disability.

You can read more about [help with travel costs](#) on the NHS Choices website.

<https://www.nhs.uk/using-the-nhs/help-with-health-costs/healthcare-travel-costs-scheme-htcs/>

If you need someone to travel with you for medical reasons, you can get their travel costs paid as well.

You can claim a refund of your travel costs by filling in form HC5 and giving it to the place you go to for NHS treatment. If you can't afford to pay your travel costs in advance, you can ask for an advance payment. Alternatively, you may be able to get help from your local authority.

[https://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcosts/Documents/HC5\(T\).pdf](https://www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland/Healthcosts/Documents/HC5(T).pdf)

For more information, see [Extra help if you're on benefits or your benefits have stopped](#).

If you are not in one of the categories listed above, you might still be able to get help with your travel costs on the grounds of low income – see under heading, [Help with health costs if you are on a low income](#).

<https://www.nhsbsa.nhs.uk/nhs-low-income-scheme/hc2-certificates-full-help-health-costs>

Grants with Family fund

<https://www.familyfund.org.uk/FAQs/are-the-family-eligible-to-apply>

<https://www.familyfund.org.uk/help-for-18-24-year-olds>

Healthwatch

<https://www.healthwatch.co.uk/advice-and-information/2019-09-26/do-you-need-help-travelling-nhs-services>

Apply For a disabled Person's Bus Pass see below

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-disabled-bus-pass>