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What happens to ILF payments if you die

This leaflet explains what the ILF needs to know if you die

The ILF hope that giving you a leaflet explaining what needs to be done, it will prevent an overpayment being made

This leaflet is not legal advice, and although it does not deal with your specific situation, it does set out your general obligations to the ILF. Any figures or references to documents are correct at the time of issuing. The ILF reserves the right to update this leaflet from time to time.

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What needs to be done if you die?

The ILF have produced this leaflet to help your friends or family sort things out if you die. You might think it is a bit strange to have a leaflet about this, but we have found that it is helpful for friends and family to know what to do if it happens.

When somebody dies, it is a very difficult time for everybody who knew the person. There is a lot to do and sort out. However, it is very important that somebody does call the ILF as soon as possible to let us know so that an overpayments can be avoided.

What happens to ILF payments?

If you are getting payments from the ILF when you die, somebody must cancel your payments. This is because there will be no further need to employ personal assistants (PAs) to support you in your own home.

We may consider making a final payment to your PA if you employ them directly. Your representative can sort this out at the time.

We cannot transfer your payments to somebody else. If you die, nobody else can use your payments, even if they live in the same house and need to employ a PA for themselves. If they would like to receive money from the ILF, they must apply to the ILF separately.

What the ILF needs to know

You must arrange for somebody to let the ILF know if you die. This could be a friend, a member of your family or your representative if you have one.

They will need to tell us -

- The date you died
- Whether you were in hospital or residential care or at home when you died
- Who is dealing with your affairs



Don't get into debt

If somebody does not contact us straight away to tell us you have died it may lead to an overpayment. An overpayment means the ILF have paid money that should not have been paid and this money will have to be paid back to the ILF.

Please make sure that the person who will deal with your affairs reads this leaflet. The ILF must be told as soon as possible that one of our users has died.

Other formats

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