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Personal Independence Payment

Changes in PIP law - We've looked again at your PIP award and it's not changed

Dear

There have been some changes in Personal Independence Payment (PIP) law which affect how the Department for Work and Pensions decides PIP claims.

We're looking again at PIP claims to find out which ones are affected.

This letter explains if and how these changes affect you.

These changes are to do with:

- how we assess someone's ability to plan and follow a journey
- how we decide whether someone can carry out an activity safely or not, and whether they need supervision

There is more information about these changes towards the end of this letter and at www.gov.uk/dwp/pip-changes

Your PIP award

I've looked again at your PIP claim and **your award is not affected by these changes in law.**

If you think your award could be affected by either or both of these changes in PIP law, please phone or write to us using the details at the top of this letter.

For your information, a copy of your scores for your PIP award from 12 February 2018 to 30 April 2020 is included with this letter.

What I did

I looked again at the information we have on your PIP claim.

If you think your award could be affected by these changes in PIP law, please phone or write to us.

Why I looked again at your PIP claim

I looked again at your PIP claim from 12 February 2018 because of changes in the law on how PIP claims are decided. The changes are:

MH v DWP (tribunal judgment) - relates to how 'overwhelming psychological distress' is considered when assessing a claimant's ability to **plan and follow a journey**. This change applies from 28 November 2016.

RJ v DWP (tribunal judgment) - relates to how we decide whether a claimant can carry out an activity safely. It also relates to how we decide if a claimant needs supervision. We now consider the seriousness of any harm that might happen, as well as the likelihood of it happening. Supervision is a need for the continuous presence of another person to prevent harm happening to the claimant or another person. This change applies from 9 March 2017.

For more information about these changes go to
www.gov.uk/dwp/pip-changes

Yours sincerely