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Personal Independence Payment

Personal Independence Payment (PIP)

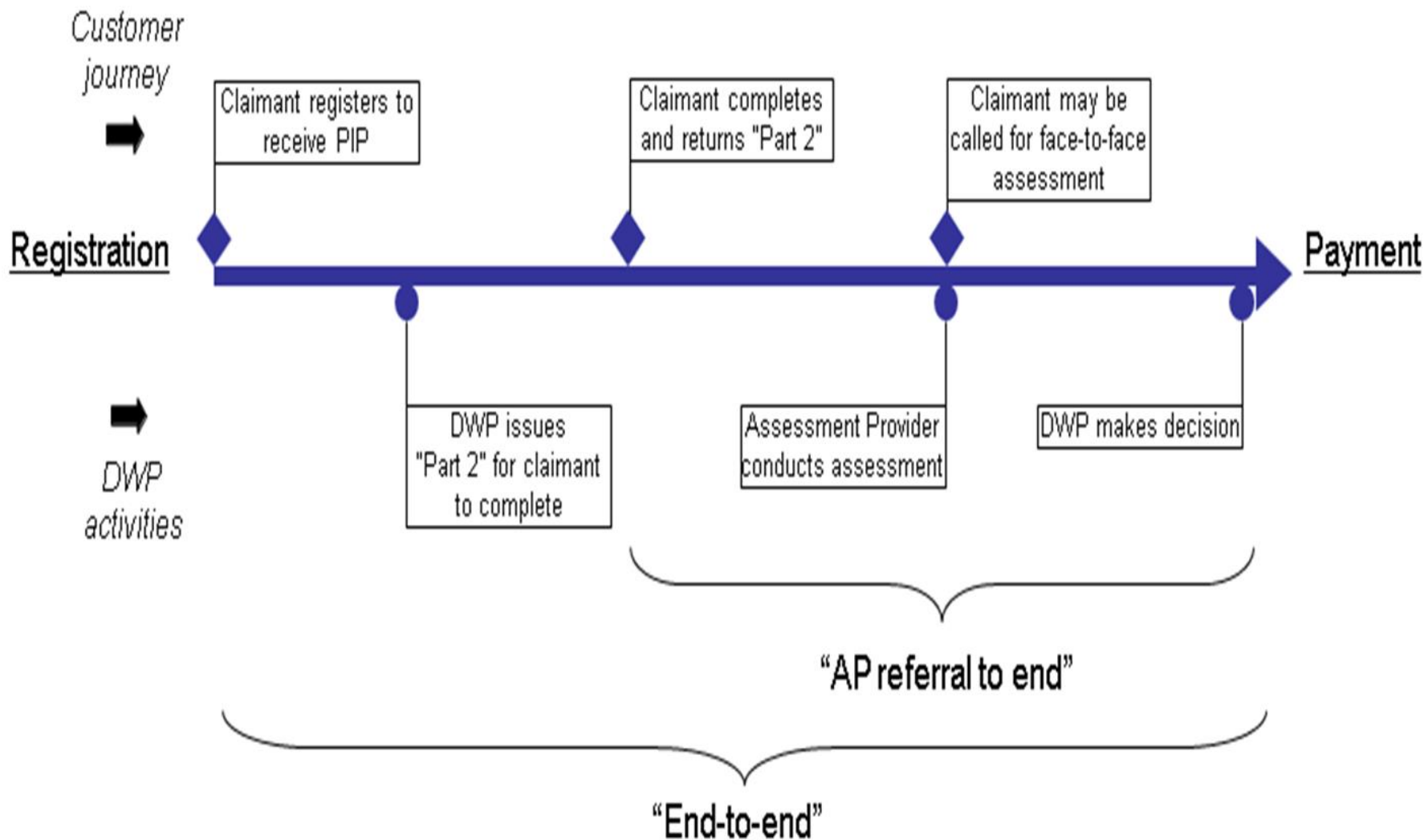
- Benefit provides cash contribution towards the extra costs associated with a long-term health condition or disability
- Replaces Disability Living Allowance for people of working age (between 16 and State Pension Age)
- Entitlement based upon assessments of impact on ability to carry out daily living and mobility activities
- Assessments undertaken by Health Professionals employed by external providers
- Separate rules and processes for people with terminal illness

Managed Reassessment



- DWP began to invite remaining DLA claimants who were aged between 16 and 64 on the day that PIP was introduced (8 April 2013) to claim PIP
- We have still to finalise the selection process for these claimants but we are likely to prioritise those claimants who have turned 65 between April 2013 and October 2015

PIP Claimant Journey



The PIP assessment

- Most people will be asked to a face to face consultation with a health professional as part of the assessment process - claimants will be encouraged to take somebody with them to the consultation
- Home visits will be available when necessary
- Face to face consultations may not be necessary for everyone – for example, people who are terminally ill and have applied for PIP under the special rules will not have a face to face consultation
- The assessment provider will send a report back to the DWP Decision Maker to make a decision

PIP assessment – What it assesses?

- Considers the functional impact of an individual’s disability or health condition on their daily life
- Assesses against a set of 10 Daily Living activities and 2 Mobility activities
- Each activity comprises a number of descriptors with different levels of points associated with each one

6. Dressing and undressing	a. Can dress and undress unaided.	0
	b. Needs to use an aid or appliance to be able to dress or undress.	2
	c. Needs either – (i) prompting to be able to dress, undress or determine appropriate circumstances for remaining clothed; or (ii) prompting or assistance to be able to select appropriate clothing.	2
	d. Needs assistance to be able to dress or undress their lower body.	2
	e. Needs assistance to be able to dress or undress their upper body.	4
	f. Cannot dress or undress at all.	8

- Eligibility for the Daily Living/Mobility component of PIP is determined by claimants’ cumulative points score against the relevant activities and descriptors

0-7 points
Nil award

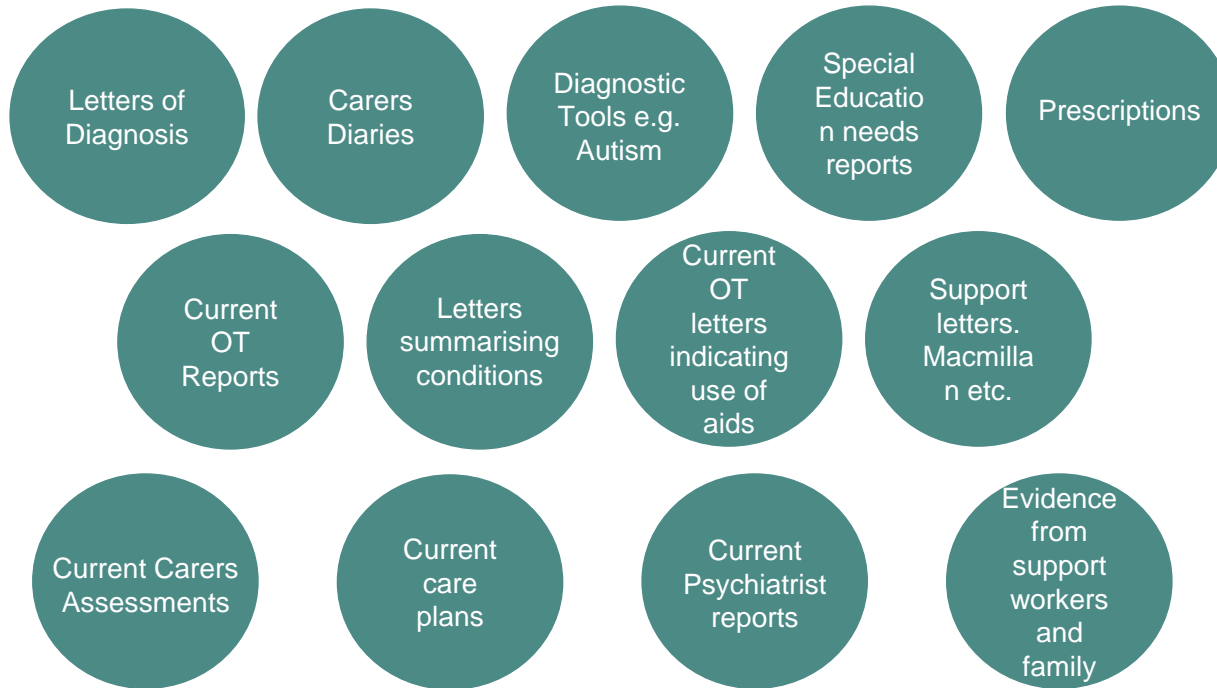
8-11 points
Standard rate

12 points +
Enhanced rate

PIP assessment – how it is delivered

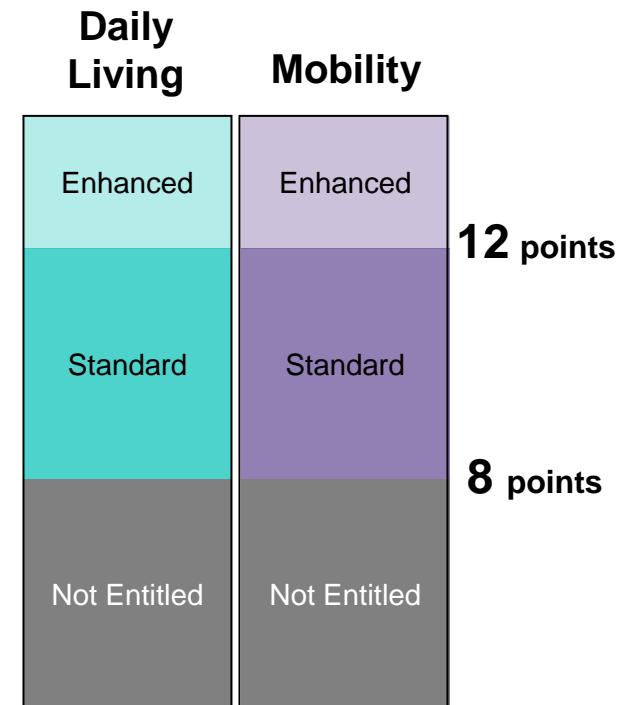
- Independent Assessment Services (IAS) previously known as Atos and Capita deliver PIP assessments
- Healthcare Professionals – nurses, physios, paramedics and occupational therapists – carry out the functional assessment and provide advice to DWP Case Managers against each activity and a proposed award length
- Healthcare Professionals may undertake a functional examination during the assessment that is tailored to the individual claimant – this could include:
 - Cognitive tests for those who have a cognitive impairment
 - Test of distance and near vision for those with a visual impairment
 - Musculoskeletal overview examination or an examination of specific areas of function for those with a musculoskeletal condition
- If a claimant has any difficulties attending their assessment they can discuss this with the assessment providers – potential rescheduling or a home visit if they are unable to travel

Useful evidence



Components and Eligibility

- PIP will be made up of two components – daily living and mobility
- Each can be paid at standard rate, or enhanced rate for those with the greatest needs
- The PIP assessment criteria will consider the individuals' ability to carry out a range of everyday activities
- Individuals will receive a point score for each activity, depending on how well they can carry them out and the help they need to do them
- The total scores for each component determine whether a component is payable, and if so, whether at the standard or enhanced rate



Assessment Criteria

Daily living component (activities 1-10)		Mobility component (activities 11-12)	
Standard rate = 8 points Enhanced rate = 12 points		Standard rate = 8 points Enhanced rate = 12 points	
Activity	Possible points	Activity	Possible points
1. Preparing food	0-8	11. Planning and following journeys	0-12
2. Taking nutrition	0-10	12. Moving around	0-12
3. Managing therapy or monitoring a health condition	0-8		
4. Washing and bathing	0-8		
5. Managing toilet needs or incontinence	0-8		
6. Dressing and undressing	0-8		
7. Communicating verbally	0-12		
8. Reading and understanding signs, symbols and words	0-8		
9. Engaging with other people face-to-face	0-8		
10. Making budgeting decisions	0-6		

PIP Payable Amounts

Daily Living Component -

Enhanced rate £89.15

Standard rate £59.70

Mobility Component –

Enhanced rate £62.25

Standard rate £23.60

Mandatory Reconsideration and Appeals

- Where a claimant disagrees with the decision about their entitlement to PIP they can have a call to have their decision explained to them and/or request a Mandatory Reconsideration.
- Following the Mandatory Reconsideration, if a claimant remains dissatisfied with the decision they are free to lodge an appeal to the First Tier Tribunal.
- **What are the common reasons for decisions being overturned at tribunal?**
 - The most common reasons for decisions being overturned are because of cogent oral evidence being given at tribunal and;
 - The claimant providing additional evidence that was not previously available.
 - However, just because a decision is overturned, it does not necessarily mean that the original decision was incorrect.

Where to find more information?

- Claimant information can be found on GOV.UK
- Information for support organisations, advisors and tailored information for Local Authorities and Health Professionals can be found in the PIP toolkit on **www.gov.uk/pip/toolkit**
- The latest PIP news can be found in the monthly DWP Touchbase bulletin, and in the Manager's Monthly update on the PIP intranet page.
- Information on individual claims can be obtained via PIP enquiry line or direct from the assessment provider (implicit consent rules apply)

Questions

