



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS

DEPUTY MINISTRY OF SOCIAL WELFARE



DEPARTMENT FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION  
OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

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## MOBILITY ALLOWANCE SCHEME FOR PATIENTS UNDER REGULAR DIALYSIS TREATMENT

### A. Aim

1. The aim of the Scheme is to provide financial aid to patients diagnosed with End Stage Renal Disease for whom regular dialysis treatment or kidney transplant is necessary to live, in order for them to cover part of their commute expenses to and from the Public Hospital Renal Unit, so that they participate in society on an equal basis with every other citizen without such health condition.

### B. Beneficiaries:

2. Any patient who has been diagnosed with End Stage Renal Disease and is following a Regular Dialysis Treatment at any Public Hospital Renal Unit in the areas controlled by the Republic of Cyprus, despite of income and age, and also:
  - a) is a Cypriot citizen
  - b) is a European citizen with a permanent residence in the area controlled by the Republic of Cyprus for at least 12 consecutive months
  - c) is a person with a recognised refugee status or subsidiary protection status according to the Refugee Laws.
3. "Patient under Dialysis Treatment" for the purposes of this Scheme shall mean the person diagnosed with End Stage Renal Disease for whom regular dialysis treatment of kidney transplant is necessary to continue living.
4. Patients under Dialysis Treatment who are compensated for their mobility expenses for commuting to and from the Public Hospital Renal Unit by any other state sources are exempted.
5. A person ceases to be the beneficiary when they do not meet the conditions and/or criteria of the scheme and in particular:
  - a) When, for any given reason, their condition of health has significantly improved and they no longer qualify the criteria for the "Patient under Dialysis Treatment" definition;
  - b) When they no longer permanently reside in the areas controlled by the Republic of Cyprus;
  - c) Upon their decease

### **C. Allowance Amount**

Beneficiaries who have their permanent residence within the jurisdiction of a Municipality Council are entitled to €51 per month, whereas beneficiaries with their permanent residence within the jurisdiction of a Community Council are entitled to the amount of €102 per month.

### **D. Examination of Applications Procedure**

1. An application should be submitted to the Department for Social Inclusion for Persons with Disabilities, by completing the standard form, together with the relevant certificates.
2. The approval for the provision of the allowance shall be given by the Director of the Department for Social Inclusion for Persons with Disabilities or by another authorised Officer of the Department for Social Inclusion for Persons with Disabilities. When the Director or their authorised Representative Officer does not approve the submission of the Allowance to an applicant or decides the termination of the Allowance to a receiver, the latter are informed in due time via a letter in which explanations for the denial or termination of the Allowance are provided as well as information about their right to object to the decision and ask for a re-examination of their application.
3. The relevant medical certificate from the Medical & Health Services of Ministry of Health must be admitted together with the application form. The Department reserves the right to ask for a re-evaluation of the condition of health of any recipient of the Allowance, from the Medical & Health Services of Ministry of Health. In such a case the Ministry of Health must provide all the necessary certificates/documents.
4. The Department for Social Inclusions of Persons with Disabilities reserves the right to call applicants for a disability assessment and certification at its Disability Assessment Centres. In such a case the applicants will need to comply with the assessment process providing all the necessary documents and certifications that might be asked and filling in the Declaration Form stating if they wish to be assessed only for their disability or for both their disability and functioning. The assessment and certification of disability proceeds in accordance to the given time regulations concerning the operation of the Disability Assessment Centres of the Department.
5. The date of entry into force of the allowance for the beneficiary shall be the date upon which the application duly completed together with all the requested certificates is received by the Department for Social Inclusion for Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Labour, Welfare and Social Insurance.