# Government's PIP changes threaten vital support for disabled citizens



The recent announcement from the Government regarding sweeping changes to the Personal Independence Payment (PIP) system is nothing short of alarming. With the new Labour government at the helm, the move to tighten eligibility criteria for PIP threatens to strip vital support from hundreds of thousands of disabled individuals and those battling long-term health conditions, revealing a disturbing prioritization of budget cuts over human welfare.

Set to be implemented in November 2026, the decision to tighten the daily living component of PIP could see around 370,000 current beneficiaries losing their essential benefits through punitive reassessments. Claimants will now be required to achieve a minimum score of four points in specific activities to obtain even a fraction of the support needed to manage their daily lives, exacerbating the difficulties they already face. The mobility aspect remains untouched, but that hardly offsets the devastating implications for those reliant on the daily living component.

Additionally, an estimated 430,000 potential claimants will find themselves on the outside looking in under this draconian criterion. The Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) has framed these measures as necessary for curbing welfare spending, but in reality, they represent a shameful abdication of responsibility to the most vulnerable in our society.

In a parliamentary announcement, DWP Minister Liz Kendall outlined the new legislation with alarming nonchalance, insisting these changes would merely clarify existing eligibility. This is a blatant attempt to disguise the reality: lives will be wrecked as support is further eroded. The freeze on additional Universal Credit for claimants with disabilities until 2029/30 sends a clear signal of the government’s position—that the welfare system is seen as a financial burden rather than a moral duty.

While the DWP claims that PIP values will increase with inflation, the reality is that living costs continue to spiral, creating a significant real-terms reduction in support. With the maximum daily living component rising to £110.40 and the mobility component to £77.05, these numbers merely mask the grievous effect of simultaneous cuts that render support nearly meaningless.

Critics have rightly lashed out against this government's approach to welfare policy, illustrating that the latest Labour administration lacks a true commitment to championing the rights and needs of those who require assistance. As these policies take shape, the implications are dire for the most disadvantaged people in our communities, and as an opposition, it’s clear that a return to responsible governance, prioritizing support and services over austerity, is necessary to protect those who are most in need.

Source: [Noah Wire Services](https://www.noahwire.com)

## References

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