

Switch to 'one payment' for patients

A number of people could soon see the benefits after the Department for Health stated that they are to get one single payment a week for NHS nursing care, it has been revealed.

Under previous regulations, there were three banding levels depending on the amount of care that patients receive, but as from October 2007 there will be one payment of £101 a week across the board, reports the Hereford Times.

Herefordshire Primary Care Trust's Mathew Gregory said that the vast majority of patients will be helped with the switch.

There is no alteration for the patients who receive residential care, Mr Gregory added.

At the moment, high band patients get access to up to £139 a week in residential care homes, the publication said, with such patients still able to do so if a review says they require it.

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