YOUR GP OR ANOTHER HEALTH PROVIDER HAS WORKED WITH US TO HELP IDENTIFY PEOPLE USING MEDICAL EQUIPMENT. THERE IS POTENTIAL FOR ERROR HERE AND WE EXPECT SOME RESIDENTS WILL RECEIVE THIS WHO MAY NOT OR NO LONGER USE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT. IF THIS IS THE CASE PLEASE ACCEPT OUR APOLOGIES. THERE IS NO NEED TO CONTACT YOUR GP



## Help for People using Essential Life Critical Apparatus (ELCA)

The NHS recognise that during the cost of living increase, people using essential life critical apparatus may struggle even more with their energy bills. The NHS and Havering Council are working together and want to help.

If you are using essential life critical apparatus at home and are on a low income, you may be entitled to a one off payment of £150.00 under the ELCA scheme.

You may be eligible if your income is below £23,000 per year for a couple or single person without children or £35,000 per year for households with children.

Or you may qualify if you receive of one of the following benefits:

Personal Independence Payment	Disability Living Allowance
Attendance Allowance	Housing Benefit
Universal Credit	Council Tax Benefit

Essential life critical apparatus or medical equipment at home can include:

- Home dialysis machine
- Pressure mattress
- CPAP machine

## Funding is limited so if you think you may be entitled don't delay, apply now.

You or someone on your behalf can register online at www.havering.gov.uk/elcahelp

Have your national insurance number, your contact details and the name and address of your GP ready to complete this short form.

If you need help completing the form, telephone the Havering Volunteers Centre on 01708 922214. Once you have submitted the form, a member of the Havering Team will be in touch.

The NHS and Havering Team

**Note:** If you have been prescribed an oxygen concentrator, the provider will reimburse you for any electricity the machine uses at the standard rate for the electricity provider in that region.

Visit <u>Electricity Rebates (BOC Home Oxygen Service)</u> or <u>Electricity Refund (Air Liquide Healthcare)</u> for more information

For further steps you can take right now to help with the cost of living increase, visit <u>www.havering.gov.uk/financialadvice</u>



