

Help with health costs

If you are diagnosed
with MG

You are **ENTITLED** to
FREE NHS Prescriptions



**There is NO Entitlement to free NHS Dental Treatment or
NHS Sight Tests based on MG
BUT!**

You **MAY** still
have an
entitlement to
FREE NHS
Dental
Treatment and
Examinations

You **MAY** still
have an
entitlement to
FREE NHS
Sight Tests and
Optical
Vouchers

This guide concentrates on entitlement based on Myasthenia Gravis. However, Form HC11 covers many other circumstances where entitlement is given, including entitlement for those on low income. It is recommended that you obtain Form HC11 (2004 Edition) and check out your particular circumstances.

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That is the name of booklet HC11 (2004 Edition) published by the Department of Health. It is a free publication obtainable from: Dept of Health Publications, PO Box 777, London SE1 6XH.

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MGA has requested copies of this plus other publications which it will send out to branches when received.

This guide is extracted from the above publication and is OUR interpretation of the contents and is NOT to be taken or quoted as a definitive guide to your entitlements. It concentrates only on those diagnosed with myasthenia gravis. Form HC11 also covers many other entitlements.

FREE NHS PRESCRIPTIONS

If you are diagnosed with MG, Form HC11 (2004 Edition), Pages 29/30, states that you **ARE entitled to FREE NHS Prescriptions**. To apply for a medical exemption (Medex Card), ask your doctor for form FP92A (England), EC92A (Scotland) or FP92W (Wales). The form then tells you what to do. The card last for 5 years and although you may be sent a reminder, it is your responsibility to renew it.

FREE NHS DENTAL TREATMENT

1. You are **NOT** entitled to FREE dental treatment solely on the ground of your MG. However, you **ARE** entitled to FREE NHS prescriptions if required by your dentist (see Free NHS Prescriptions above).
2. You **MAY** be entitled to FREE dental treatment and/or examinations (irrespective of your MG condition) if you are in one of these groups when the treatment starts:
 - a. You are under 18 OR you are in full time education and under 19.
 - b. Pregnant or have borne a child in the previous 12 months
 - c. You or your partner is getting Income Support.
 - d. You or your partner is getting income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
 - e. You or your partner is getting Pension Credit Guarantee Credit.
 - f. You or your partner are getting tax credits and meeting the qualifying conditions.
 - g. Named on a valid HC2 certificate.
 - h. Named on a valid HC3 certificate.

FREE NHS SIGHT TESTS AND OPTICAL VOUCHERS

1. You are **NOT** entitled to FREE sight tests or treatment solely on the ground of your MG.
2. You **MAY** be entitled to a FREE sight tests (irrespective of your MG condition) if:
 - a. You are 60 or over.
 - b. You are aged 40 or over and parent/brother/sister/child of a glaucoma patient.
 - c. You are registered severely sight-impaired/blind or sight-impaired/partially sighted.
 - d. You are suffering from diabetes.
 - e. You are suffering from glaucoma.
 - f. You are considered to be at risk of glaucoma.
 - g. You need complex lenses.
 - h. You are under 16 or in full time education and under 19.
3. You **MAY** be entitled to a FREE sight test AND an Optical Voucher if
 - a. You are under 18 OR you are in full time education and under 19.
 - b. You or your partner is getting Income Support.
 - c. You or your partner is getting income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
 - d. You or your partner is getting Pension Credit Guarantee Credit.
 - e. You or your partner are getting tax credits and meeting the qualifying conditions.
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