

Benefit Sanctions Will Cause A Deterioration In Health And That's OK Says DWP Rule Book

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Comparing the decline in health with a healthy adult

35098 The DM must consider if the health of the person with the medical condition would decline more than a normal healthy adult. The DM should make this comparison based on a normal healthy adult who is in similar circumstances to the person with the medical condition.

35099 It would be usual for a normal healthy adult to suffer some deterioration in their health if they were without

1. essential items, such as food, clothing, heating and accommodation or
2. sufficient money to buy essential items

for a period of two weeks. See Appendix 6 to this Chapter for further guidance.

The DM must determine if a person with a medical condition would suffer a **greater** decline in health than a normal healthy adult and would suffer hardship (DMG 35142 et seq).