

A cancer diagnosis can mean financial uncertainty, as many cancer patients face a loss of income along with increased medical expenses. You and your family may be entitled to government support such as Illness Benefit, a Medical Card or Carer's Allowance.

<u>Citizens Information</u> provides information on benefits and entitlements on their website. In addition, you may wish to contact your <u>local</u> <u>citizens centre for an appointment</u> to discuss your individual situation. Alternatively, you can phone the Citizens Information Phone Service on **0818 07 4000**, Monday to Friday, 9am-8pm. Free Service.



Information

<u>National Cancer Screening Service</u>

Benefits and Entitlements for Cancer Patients - YouTube Helen Roche, Outreach Information Officer, South Munster Citizens Information Service CLG and Una Fannon, Grassroots Advocacy Co-Ordinator give a briefing on Benefits and Entitlements for Cancer Patients at the Living Well With and Beyond Cancer Online Conference 2021

The <u>Irish Cancer Society's page on Benefits and</u> <u>entitlements</u> includes links where you will find information and resources by category that may answer questions you have. In addition, The Irish Cancer Society operates a free information service with information on services and support. To find out more about services and where to get advice about benefits, entitlements, and employment issues, call a member of their financial support team on **01 231 0522.**



The Money Advice and Budgeting Service (MABS) is also a very useful service if you find yourself in needing help to budget and sort out your finances. MABS will meet you to help you make a financial plan. They can be contacted at **0818 07 2000** Monday to Friday 9am to 9pm, or by email: helpline@mabs.ie. Free service.





ARC provides some helpful links in our resources section, visit <u>Financial | ARC Cancer Support Centres</u>