Please revise your decision (if you know the date of the decision limiting backdating add it here by inserting ‘of’ and the relevant date. If you don’t know the date of the decision you don’t need to add anything here just leave the text reading “Please revise your decision finding…”) finding that the higher disabled child addition payable in respect of my child, insert child’s name and date of birth here, cannot be backdated beyond the start of the assessment period in which you were notified of the change in their qualifying disability benefit award.

**Schedule 1, paragraph 31(2) of The Universal Credit, Personal Independence Payment, Jobseeker’s Allowance and Employment and Support Allowance (Decisions and Appeals) Regulations 2013** makes clear that where a Universal Credit award increases as a result of an increase in a qualifying disability benefit such as DLA or PIP, the additional Universal Credit payments should be backdated to the *“first day of the assessment period in which— (iii)entitlement to a different rate of the other benefit arises.”*

This is also made clear at para A4361, Chapter A4 of the Advice for Decision Making.

As you can see this means the higher disabled child addition payable in respect of my child should be backdated to the start of the assessment period in which my child’s entitlement to the highest rate of the DLA care component / enhanced rate daily living component of PIP (delete as appropriate leaving only the name of the benefit your child receives) arises.

Since my child was awarded the enhanced daily living component/higher rate care component from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (date that entitlement to the increased disability benefit started\*) this means the higher disabled child addition should be paid from the start of the assessment period within which the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (date that entitlement to the increased disability benefit started\*) falls. You are wrong to limit backdating of the higher disabled child addition to the assessment period in which you were first notified that the care component/daily living component had been increased.

Please revise your decision accordingly and pay the additional arrears of the higher disabled child addition that I am owed.

**Notes**

\* This is the date that your child’s entitlement to an increased rate of a disability benefit started - not the date that you received the disability benefit decision telling you this. For example, if you received a letter dated 1 July 2024 saying that DLA care component was being increased from the middle rate to the highest rate from 15 Feb 2024, you would insert the earlier date of 15/2/24 here.

If your child is currently on PIP at the enhanced rate for daily living but immediately before this was on DLA highest rate care component, the date you should insert is the date that their entitlement to DLA highest rate care started.