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Dear

Re: Medical Reports for ATOS Healthcare in relation to Incapacity Benefit and Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)

You may have been sent a letter by ATOS Healthcare about your Incapacity Benefit or Employment and Support Allowance. The letter says that if you wish to, you may supply ATOS Healthcare with a medical report from your doctor.

It is not part of your NHS GP's duty to supply you with such a report and this practice:

** Does not provide such reports/charges a fee of £x... for the provision of such reports.*

The inability to provide a report to ATOS Healthcare at the is stage should not ultimately affect your entitlement to benefit as the system is set up in such a way that if your benefit claim is unsuccessful and you appeal the decision, the Tribunals Service can write to your doctor to request a report if they feel that it is necessary in your case.

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