**ESA amended Long and Short copy**

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You may be asked to visit a Jobcentre when you move to Universal Credit. If that’s difficult due to a health condition or disability, you can ask for a phone call instead.

Don’t worry, there’s lots of support available to help you with your move.

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