

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

TREATMENT ASSISTANCE

CancerCare, 800-813-4673 http://www.cancercare.org/get_help/assistance/cc_financial.php

- CancerCare is a national nonprofit agency that offers free support, information, financial assistance, and practical help to people with cancer and their loved ones. Services are provided by oncology social workers and are available in person, over the telephone, and through the agency's Web site.
- CancerCare's reach also extends to professionals—providing education, information, and assistance. A section of the CancerCare Web site and some publications are available in Spanish, and staff can respond to calls and e-mails in Spanish.
- CancerCare offers limited financial assistance for homecare, childcare, transportation and pain medication.

Livestrong SurvivorCare (866) 235-7205 or (866) 467-7205 <http://www.livestrong.org/survivorcare>

- The LIVESTRONG™ SurvivorCare partnership between CancerCare provides financial assistance to cancer survivors. For patients who are 6 months post-treatment with no evidence of disease, limited financial assistance is available for transportation to follow-up appointments, medical co-pays, cancer-related medications, and neuropsychological evaluation.

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (800) 955-4572 <http://www.lls.org>

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society provides supplementary financial assistance to patients in significant financial need. Types of services covered by the Patient Financial Aid program:

1. Specific approved drugs related to the treatment/control of leukemia, Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin lymphoma and myeloma.
 2. Processing, typing, screening and cross-matching of blood components for transfusions; infusion of marrow, cord blood or stem cells.
 3. Transportation to and from a doctor's office, hospital, treatment center or Family Support Group.
 4. Initial induction x-ray therapy, x-ray therapy or other procedures according to the specific approval of the national Patient Services Committee.
- Reimbursement requests, up to a **maximum of \$500 per year**, are processed through your local chapter and payments are issued directly to you.
 - The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's *Co-Pay Assistance Program* offers assistance (up to \$5000) for patients toward:
 - Private health insurance premiums
 - Private insurance co-pay obligations
 - Medicare Part B, Medicare Plan D, Medicare Supplementary Health Insurance and Medicare Advantage premium or co-pay obligations

Chronic Disease Fund (877) 968-7233 <http://www.cdfund.org>

- The Chronic Disease Fund is a non-profit charitable organization that helps underinsured patients with chronic disease, cancers, or life-altering conditions obtain the expensive medications they need. They assist patients throughout the United States who meet income qualification guidelines and have private insurance or a Medicare Part D plan but cannot afford the co-payments for their specialty therapeutics.

The Chronic Disease Fund pays the patient's out-of-pocket costs directly to the provider, eliminating the cash flow problems that can prevent them from getting their medications.

HealthWell Foundation (800) 675-8416 <http://www.healthwellfoundation.org>

- The HealthWell Foundation® is a non-profit charitable organization that helps individuals afford prescription medications they are taking for specific illnesses. The Foundation provides financial assistance to eligible patients to cover certain out-of-pocket health care costs, including: prescription drug coinsurance, copayments, deductibles, health insurance premiums.

Patient Advocate Foundation Co-Pay Relief (866) 512-3861

**different than the above referenced Patient Advocate Foundation <http://www.copays.org>

- The Patient Advocate Foundation (PAF) Co-Pay Relief Program (CPR) currently provides direct financial support to insured patients, including Medicare Part D beneficiaries, who must financially and medically qualify to access pharmaceutical co-payment assistance. The program offers personal service to all patients through the use of call counselors; personally guiding patients through the enrollment process.

Patient Access Network Foundation (866) 316-7263 <http://www.patientaccessnetwork.org>

- The Patient Access Network Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization dedicated to assisting insured patients who cannot afford the out-of-pocket costs associated with their treatment needs. The Patient Access Network Foundation was created in response to a growing need to develop new solutions to assist the treatment of the underinsured.

Patient Services Incorporated (800) 366-7741 <http://www.uneedpsi.org>

- PSI helps people who live with certain chronic illnesses or conditions locate suitable health insurance coverage and access ways to satisfy expensive co-payments. PSI provides assistance with the cost of health insurance premiums associated with COBRAs, State High Risk Pools, Open enrollment, Guaranteed Issue policies, HIPAA conversion policies; and prescriptions co-payments associated with private insurance as well as with Medicare Parts B and D.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: MEDICATION AND PRESCRIPTION

Partnership for Prescription Assistance (888) 477-2669 <https://www.pparx.org>

- The Partnership for Prescription Assistance brings together America's pharmaceutical companies, doctors, other health care providers, patient advocacy organizations, and community groups to help qualifying patients who lack prescription coverage get the medicines they need through the public or private program that's right for them. Many will get them free or nearly free.

NeedyMeds (215) 625-9609 www.needymeds.com

- NeedyMeds is a 501(3)(c) nonprofit organization with the mission of helping people who cannot afford medicine or health care costs. The information at NeedyMeds can be obtained anonymously and is free of charge. NeedyMeds is an information source similar to the Yellow Pages; it does not supply medications or financial assistance, but helps people find assistance programs and other available resources.

Together Rx Access (800) 444-4106 <http://www.togetherryxaccess.com/index.html>

- Drug assistance for individuals who have no prescription drug coverage of any kind and are not eligible for Medicare

Rx Hope (732) 507-7400 <http://www.rxhope.com/>

- A helping hand to people in need in obtaining critical medications that they would normally have trouble affording. They act as your advocate in making the patient assistance program journey easier and faster by supplying vital information and help.

Rx Outreach, 1-800-769-3880 <http://www.rxoutreach.com>

- Patient Assistance Program that provides affordable medicines for those who qualify financially.

Rx Assist, 401-729-3284 <http://www.rxassist.org>

- A current and comprehensive directory of patient assistance programs

National Organization for Rare Diseases (NORD) Medication Assistance Program

<http://www.rarediseases.org/programs/medication>

- Assists uninsured and under-insured individuals in securing medications

HEALTH INSURANCE

Health Insurance Resources by state <http://www.healthinsuranceinfo.net/>

- A consumer guide to getting and keeping health insurance

Medical Insurance and Financial Assistance for the Cancer Patient

American Cancer Society (800) 227-2345

http://www.cancer.org/docroot/MLT/content/MLT_1x_Medical_Insurance_and_Financial_Assistance_for_the_Cancer_Patient.asp?sitearea=&level=1

- Information on the types of health insurance and what to do if you cannot pay a medical bill

BMT Info-Net <http://www.bmtinfonet.org/attorney.html>

- Bone marrow transplant patients – assistance for denied claims. The above link will take you to a form that you can fill out if your health insurance plan has refused to pay for all or part of your treatment. BMT info-net can refer you to not-for-profit organizations and attorneys who may be able to help you.

TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE

Road to Recovery, American Cancer Society (800) 227-2345

http://www.cancer.org/docroot/COM/content/div_Southeast/COM_4_2x_Road_to_Recovery_Service_Program.asp?sitearea=COM

- *Road to Recovery* is an American Cancer Society service program that provides transportation for cancer patients to their treatments and home again. Transportation is provided according to the needs and available resources in the community.

Livestrong SurvivorCare (866) 235-7205 <http://www.livestrong.org>

- A wide range of support services are available to help survivors who have specific needs, both during and after cancer fighting treatment. Support services may include help with air and ground transportation for medical care, emotional support, help with the process of returning to work or financial assistance for child care and other needs.

Angel Flight West (888) 426-2643 www.angelflight.org

- The mission of Angel Flight West is to arrange free air transportation on private aircraft in response to health care and other compelling human needs. Angel Flight West links volunteer private pilots with needy people whose non-emergency health care problems require travel to and from medical facilities

throughout the thirteen western states. Angel flight West pilots donate the cost of all flights. There is never a charge for an Angel flight mission.

Corporate Angel Network (866) 328-1313 www.corpangelnetwork.org

- Corporate Angel Network arranges free air transportation for cancer patients traveling to treatment using the empty seats on corporate jets.

National Patient Air Travel Helpline (800) 296-1217 www.patienttravel.org

- The NPTC exists to facilitate patient access to appropriate charitable medical air transportation resources in the United States. The purpose of the NPTC is ".....to ensure that no financially-needy patient is denied access to distant specialized medical evaluation, diagnosis, or treatment for lack of a means of long-distance medical air transportation."

Angel Flight Samaritans (800) 296-1217 <http://www.angelflightsamaritan.org/>

- Angel Flight Samaritan's (AFS) facilitates no-cost or reduced-rate patient travel services for needy cancer patients and their families.

Mercy Medical Airlift (800) 296-1191 ext. 23 <http://www.mercymedical.org/>

- Dedicated to helping those in need of air transportation for medical reasons

Air Life Line (877) 247-5433 www.airlifeline.org

- Matches people in need with free flights

Delta SkyWish (877) 327-8211 <http://valleyunitedway.org/skywish.html>

- Uses donated Delta SkyMiles to fly patients to their medical treatments

The Air Care Alliance (888) 260-9707 <http://www.aircareall.org>

- The Air Care Alliance is a nationwide league of humanitarian flying organizations whose volunteer pilots are dedicated to community service. You can see listings of groups near you that are offering free air transportation services.

Lymphoma Research Foundation (800) 500-9976 (for lymphoma patients)
<http://www.lymphoma.org/site/pp.asp?c=bfiKIVMIG&b=598025>

UTILITIES ASSISTANCE

National Association for the Terminally Ill (life expectancy 2 years or less)
(888)847-0390 www.terminallyill.org

- Contact state government's office of community and housing or human services to find out about discounted or no-cost utilities related to medical costs or low-income.

RENT/MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE

National Association for the Terminally Ill (life expectancy 2 years or less) (888) 847-0390
www.terminallyill.org

- The National Association for the Terminally Ill, gives financial assistance to the children and families of those suffering from a terminal illness whose life expectancy is 6 months or less. We help with day-to-day living expenses such as: rent or mortgage, groceries, electric, car payments, insurance payments, etc. We evaluate the need of each family on a case-by-case basis.

FOOD AND HOME SUPPLIES ASSISTANCE

Food Stamp Program http://www.fns.usda.gov/fsp/applicant_recipients/default.htm

- You can find out here if you or a friend or relative might be eligible for food stamps, and what the rules are for receiving them and using them.

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Cancer Fund of America, <http://www.cfoa.org/factsaboutcfa.htm> or to apply

<http://www.cfoa.org/download.htm>

- Cancer Fund of America, Inc. is a Delaware Corporation conceived as a national agency to help people with cancer. Its patient assistance programs provide food items, various medical supplies, non-prescription medications, and other items.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CANCER SURVIVORS

FinAid.org's guide to young adult cancer survivor scholarships

<http://www.finaid.org/otheraid/cancer.phtml>

American Cancer Society, 800-227-2345 www.cancer.org

OTHER RESOURCES

Medical Insurance and Financial Assistance for the Cancer Patient

(American Cancer Society, (800) 227-2345)

http://www.cancer.org/docroot/MLT/content/MLT_1x_Medical_Insurance_and_Financial_Assistance_for_the_Cancer_Patient.asp?sitearea=&level=1

- Information on health insurance and getting answers to insurance-related questions.

Financial Resources for People with Cancer (NCI)

<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/Support/financial-assistance>

- A comprehensive list of government agencies, organizations and programs that are designed to provide assistance for cancer patients and their families.

Patient Advocate Foundation (800) 532-5274 <http://www.patientadvocate.org/>

- The Patient Advocate Foundation (PAF) provides education, legal counseling, and referrals to cancer patients and survivors concerning managed care, insurance, financial issues, job discrimination, and debt crisis matters. The PAF also conducts outreach to African American and Hispanic/Latino American populations.