

National Financial Assistance Resources

The Cancer Legal Resource Center (CLRC) has designed this information sheet to compile a list of resources for possible financial assistance. This handout may be just a starting point for you to find out additional information. If you have questions about eligibility, we recommend you contact the appropriate agency for detailed information.



The American Cancer Society (ACS) is a nationwide, community based, voluntary health organization. ACS provides information on all aspects of cancer through its toll-free information line (800) ACS-2345, website at www.cancer.org and through published materials.

To find financial assistance resources in your area: Log on to www.cancer.org, click 'Find Support & Treatment' then click 'Find Support Programs and Services in Your Area'



CancerCare is a national non-profit organization that provides free professional support services to anyone affected by cancer. CancerCare typically provides financial assistance in two ways. There are several financial assistance programs through CancerCare, including, but not limited to:

- **AVONCares:** Limited financial assistance for breast cancer patients to help with home care, childcare and transportation costs.
- **Komen Treatment Assistance Fund:** Limited financial assistance for breast cancer patients for transportation to and from treatment; lymphedema care and supplies; oral pain and anti-nausea medication; oral chemotherapy/hormone therapy; child care/elder care; palliative care and other home care; and durable medical equipment.
- **Touching Hearts Program:** Limited financial assistance for women with cancer for home care, childcare, transportation and pain medication.

To apply for financial assistance: Call toll free (800) 813-HOPE (4673); or visit www.cancercare.org. Please contact CancerCare for exact eligibility criteria for their various programs. The following may apply:

1. Women with all diagnoses
2. Children with all diagnoses
3. Men and women with metastatic melanoma (transportation only)
4. Men, women and children with all diagnoses in New York City, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland, Dutchess, Putnam, Columbia, Greene, Orange, Ulster, Sullivan and Delaware Counties in New York State, New Jersey and Connecticut.

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If you are having difficulties paying your utilities, your local **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)** may be able to assist you with bill payment. The program also assists families with bills related to energy crises, weatherization and energy-related minor home repairs. **To apply, contact the LIHEAP program in your community or call the National Energy Assistance Referral Project at toll free (866) 674-6327 for more information.**



Patient Services Incorporated (PSI) is a non-profit organization dedicated to subsidizing the high costs of health insurance premiums and pharmacy co-payments for individuals with a very limited number of specific chronic illnesses and rare disorders. PSI offers assistance to families based on the severity of the medical and financial need. PSI also has a breast cancer screening program for women with a family history of breast cancer or who have tested positively for the BRCA gene mutation and financial assistance for an MRI. **To request an application, call toll free (800) 366-7741. For more information, visit www.patientservicesinc.org/.**

PATIENT ADVOCATE FOUNDATION **CO-PAY RELIEF**

The Patient Advocate Foundation Co-Pay Relief program offers personal services to patients diagnosed with breast cancer, kidney cancer, lung cancer, prostate cancer, sarcoma, and muscular degeneration. The Co-Pay Relief program offers personal services to all patients through the use of call counselors. The counselors will assist you throughout the application process and screen for eligibility (by collecting financial and medical information). **For information about this Co-Pay Relief program, log on to www.copays.org.**

To find a comprehensive list of resources for specific types of cancer:

Call toll free (800) 532-5274 or (866) 512-3861; or Log on to www.patientadvocate.org, click on 'Resources,' then click 'National Financial Resources Guide.'



The **HealthWell Foundation** provides copayment and premium payment assistance to eligible individuals. If you've been prescribed a medication, but are unable to afford the copayment required by your insurer, they may be able to help. If you are eligible for health insurance, but cannot afford the insurance premium, they may be able to help by paying some or all of your insurance premium. **Visit: www.healthwellfoundation.org. Contact the HealthWell Foundation at (800) 675-8416 or Grants@HealthWellFoundation.org.**

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The **Patient Access Network Foundation** is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to supporting the needs of patients who cannot access the treatments they need due to out-of-pocket health care costs. A Patient Access Network Foundation counselor will assist you in completing the application and assess your eligibility for assistance. Individuals must meet certain financial, insurance, and medical criteria to be eligible. **To apply, call (866) 316-PANF (7263) or visit www.panfoundation.org.**



The **National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP)** offers financial assistance through its Be The Match Foundation Patient Assistance Program (the fund-raising partner of the NMDP). The Patient Assistance Program helps patients pay for searching the NMDP Registry and/or for some post-transplant costs. Applications for Patient Assistance Program funds must be submitted by an NMDP transplant center. Eligible patients may ask their transplant center coordinator to apply for one or both programs (search assistance and/or transplant support assistance). **For more information, call (888) 999-6743 or log on to www.bethematch.org/patient.**



United Way engages the community to identify the underlying causes of the most significant local issues, develops strategies and pulls together financial and human resources to address them, and measures the results. **To apply for financial assistance, log on to www.unitedway.org.**



The **Association of Jewish Families and Children's Agency** is a vital force in Jewish life; providing social and human services to the most vulnerable in our community. **For more information, call (410) 843-7573 or (800) 634-7346 or log on to www.ajfca.org.**



Good Days provides financial support for patients who cannot afford the treatment they urgently need. With our proprietary enrollment system, we have streamlined the application process so patients can be conditionally approved in just minutes. **For more information, visit <https://www.mygooddays.org/>**



HelpHOPELive provides fundraising assistance to cancer patients in need of transplants. Additionally, the HelpHOPELive provides fundraising guidance and some financial assistance. **For more information, visit www.helphopelive.org or call (800) 642-8399 or (610) 727-0612.**

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Modest Needs provides assistance for small, emergency expenses which an individual could not have anticipated or prepared for. Visit www.modestneeds.org or call (212) 463-7042.



The **Cancer Financial Assistance Coalition (CFAC)** is a coalition of organizations helping cancer patients manage their financial challenges. Patients can search their online resource directory to find assistance based on their diagnosis or the type of assistance they are looking for. **For more information, visit www.cancerfac.org/.**



The **National Foundation for Transplants (NFT)** provides fundraising for transplants. The NFT can help with different costs related to transplant procedures including hospital bills and deposits, doctors' appointments, pharmacy needs, caregiver expenses, insurance premiums, temporary mortgage assistance, travel, food and lodging expenses, and co-pays. **To sign up for the NFT's fundraising assistance program, contact them at (800) 489-3863 or info@transplants.org.** You can also fill out an application on www.transplants.org.



The SAMFund provides young adult cancer survivors with tools and resources to overcome financial challenges and move forward with their lives. They also offer free webinars on a variety of topics including reducing medical debt, family building options, and employment challenges. Patients must be between the ages of 17 and 35, finished with active treatment, and residents of the United States. Visit www.thesamfund.org for more information.



The **Lois Merrill Foundation** funds research for new treatments, provides financial support for patients and their families, and promotes awareness and education for rare cancers, but carcinoid cancers are its main focus. **Medical Assistance Grants** provide patients with assistance based on financial need. Visit www.thelmf.com/ or email info@theloismerrillfoundation.org.

FINANCIAL RESOURCES FOR SPECIFIC TYPES OF CANCER



Patient Advocate Foundation's Colorectal CareLine is a patient/provider hotline designed to provide assistance to patients who have been diagnosed with colorectal cancer and are seeking education and access to care. **For more information about the Colorectal CareLine, log on to www.colorectalcareline.org or call (866) 657-8634.**

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The **National Leukemia Research Association** provides financial assistance to leukemia patients of all ages for x-ray therapy, chemotherapy, and leukemia drugs, as well as for laboratory fees associated with leukemia. **For more information, visit www.childrensleukemia.org or call (516) 222-1944.**



The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society offers help to eligible patients who have difficulty paying for or simply cannot afford their private or public health insurance premiums or co-pay obligations. It is available to patients with chronic myelogenous leukemia, chronic lymphocytic leukemia, Hodgkin lymphoma, Non-Hodgkin lymphoma, myelodysplastic syndromes, Myeloma, and Waldenstrom macroglobulinemia. Individuals must meet strict financial guidelines in order to be eligible. **To apply, contact the Co-Pay Assistance Program at (877) 557-2672 or contact (800) 955-4572 or log on to www.lls.org/copay or copay@lls.org.**



Triple Step Toward the Cure provides financial assistance to women undergoing treatment for triple negative breast cancer. They can provide financial support for meal delivery services, emergency funds for rent, groceries and utilities, transportation related to treatment, housekeeping services, childcare, co-pay assistance, prosthetics and wigs. **Fill out an application online at www.triplestepowardthecure.org or call (510) 562-1889.**



Sisters Network is committed to increasing local and national attention to the devastating impact that breast cancer has in the African American Community. Their Breast Cancer Assistance Program (BCAP) provides financial assistance for medical related lodging, co-pay, doctor's appointments, mammograms, and prosthetics. **To download an application visit www.sistersnetworkinc.org or call (718) 781-0255 for more information.**

FOOD ASSISTANCE



The **Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program** (formerly known as Food Stamps) helps low-income individuals and families buy the food they need for good health. Benefits are provided on an electronic card that is used like an ATM card and accepted at most grocery stores. **For more information, visit www.fns.usda.gov.**



Meals on Wheels provides home-delivered meals and services to seniors. **For more information or to find a local affiliate, visit www.mowaa.org or call 1-888-998-6325**



Feeding America network provides food assistance to low income individuals facing hunger. They have a network of more than 200 food banks serving all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. **For more information, visit www.feedingamerica.org or call (800) 771-2303.**

CREDIT AND MEDICAL DEBT COUNSELING



Families USA has a free, online consumer's guide to coping with medical debt that can be found at: <http://familiesusa.org/product/shortchanged-medical-debt>.



Knowing the difference can make all the difference.

The National Foundation for Credit Counseling is the nation's largest financial counseling organization. The NFCC Network includes more than 700 community-based offices located in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. More than three million consumers annually receive financial counseling and education from NFCC Member Agencies in person, over the phone, or online. **To locate an NFCC Member Agency in your area call 800-388-2227 or visit www.nfcc.org.**



Medical Billing Advocates has advocacy programs and consumer education programs. Their website connects patients with private companies or individuals for hire that work with medical providers on their behalf to get their bills reduced. They can help people find errors or overcharges in your medical bills, appeal coverage denials with insurers, or negotiate lower fees with medical providers. **For more information visit www.billadvocates.com**

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