

## Disability Rights Legal Center

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## Cancer Legal Resource Center

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## State Appendices: Connecticut Resources

This appendix provides state-specific resources relevant to each chapter of *The HCP Manual: A Legal Resource Guide for Oncology Healthcare Professionals*.

### EMPLOYMENT

<p><b>For questions about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):</b> Equal Employment Opportunity Commission 33 Whitehall Street, 5th Floor New York, NY 10004 (800) 669-4000 <a href="http://www.eeoc.gov">www.eeoc.gov</a></p>	<p><b>For questions about job accommodations:</b> Job Accommodation Network (JAN) P.O. Box 6080 Morgantown, WV 26506-6080 (800) 526-7234 or (800) ADA-WORK <a href="http://www.jan.wvu.edu">www.jan.wvu.edu</a></p>
<p><b>For questions about §503 of the Rehabilitation Act (federal contractors):</b> U.S. Department of Labor Office of Federal Compliance Program Frances Perkins Building, Room C-3325 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20210 (800) 397-6251 or <a href="http://www.dol.gov/esa/ofccp">www.dol.gov/esa/ofccp</a></p>	<p><b>For questions about §504 the Rehabilitation Act (federal financial assistance):</b> U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division - Disability Rights Section 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20530 (800) 514-0301 or (800) 614-0383 (TTY)</p>
<p><b>For questions about Connecticut fair employment laws:</b> Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities 21 Grand St. Hartford, CT 06106 (860) 541-3400 or (800) 477-5737 <a href="http://www.state.ct.us/chro">www.state.ct.us/chro</a></p>	<p><b>For questions about the practical aspects of being an employee with cancer:</b> Cancer and Careers (212) 685-5955 <a href="http://www.cancerandcareers.org">www.cancerandcareers.org</a></p>

### TAKING TIME OFF WORK

<p><b>For questions about the Family &amp; Medical Leave Act (FMLA):</b> U.S. Department of Labor - Employment Standards Administration - Wage and Hour Division 1999 Broadway, Suite 2445 Denver, CO 80202-5712 (720) 264-3250 or (866) 487-9243 <a href="http://www.dol.gov/esa/whd/fmla">www.dol.gov/esa/whd/fmla</a></p>	<p><b>For questions or concerns about the confidentiality of medical information:</b> Office for Civil Rights U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services 200 Independence Avenue, S.W. Room 509F, HHH Building Washington, D.C. 20201 (866) 368-1019</p>
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<p><b>For questions about Connecticut leave laws:</b>  Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities  21 Grand St.  Hartford, CT 06106  (860) 541-3400 or (800) 477-5737  <a href="http://www.state.ct.us/chro">www.state.ct.us/chro</a></p>	<p>Connecticut Department of Labor  200 Folly Brook Boulevard  Wethersfield, CT 06109  (860) 263-6000  <a href="http://www.ctdol.state.ct.us">www.ctdol.state.ct.us</a></p>
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## DISABILITY INSURANCE

<p><b>For private disability insurance questions:</b>  Connecticut Insurance Department  P.O. Box 816  Hartford, CT 06142-0816  (860) 297-3900 or (800) 203-3447  <a href="http://www.ct.gov/cid/site/default.asp">www.ct.gov/cid/site/default.asp</a></p>	<p><b>For Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) questions:</b>  Social Security Administration  (800) 772-1213 or <a href="http://www.ssa.gov">www.ssa.gov</a></p>
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## HEALTH INSURANCE & HEALTH CARE OPTIONS

<p><b>For insurance questions:</b>  Connecticut Insurance Department  P.O. Box 816  Hartford, CT 06142-0816  (860) 297-3900 or (800) 203-3447  <a href="http://www.ct.gov/cid/site/default.asp">www.ct.gov/cid/site/default.asp</a></p>	<p><b>For COBRA questions:</b>  U.S. Department of Labor  Employee Benefits Security Administration  JFK Federal Building  15 New Sudbury Street, Room 575  Boston, MA 02203  (617) 565 – 9600 or <a href="http://www.dol.gov/ebsa">www.dol.gov/ebsa</a></p>
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<p><b>For HIPAA questions:</b>  Health Reinsurance Association (HRA)  (800) 842-0004  <a href="http://www.hract.org/hra/index.htm">www.hract.org/hra/index.htm</a></p> <p>Connecticut maintains a high risk pool, called the Connecticut Health Reinsurance Association (HRA), which is also open to individuals who are eligible for a HIPAA plan. There are PPO, HMO, and Special Health Care Plan options.</p>	
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<p><b>For high risk insurance questions:</b>  Connecticut Health Reinsurance Association  (800) 842-0004 or <a href="http://www.hract.org/hra/index.htm">www.hract.org/hra/index.htm</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifetime Cap: \$1,500,000</li> <li>• Waiting Period as of 11/10: open</li> <li>• Average Monthly Cost: Varies by age and gender</li> <li>• Multiple Plans: Yes</li> </ul>	<p>Federal Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP)  Connecticut Department of Social Services and the Health Reinsurance Association  (800) 656-6684  <a href="http://www.ct.gov/dss/cwp/view.asp?Q=463668&amp;A=2345">www.ct.gov/dss/cwp/view.asp?Q=463668&amp;A=2345</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifetime Cap: none</li> <li>• Average Monthly Cost: \$240-\$893</li> </ul>
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<p><b>For assistance with Medicare:</b>  Center for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)  (800) 663-4227 or <a href="http://www.medicare.gov">www.medicare.gov</a></p>	<p>Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program  Connecticut Department of Social Services  Aging Services Division, State Unit on Aging  CHOICES Program  25 Sigourney Street, 10th Floor  Hartford, CT 06106  (860) 424-5274 or (888) 994-9422  <a href="http://www.ct.gov/agingservices/cwp/view.asp?a=2511&amp;q=313032">www.ct.gov/agingservices/cwp/view.asp?a=2511&amp;q=313032</a></p>
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<b>For assistance with Medicaid:</b> Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) (800) 633-4227 or <a href="http://www.cms.gov">www.cms.gov</a>	Connecticut Department of Social Services 25 Sigourney Street, 10th Floor Hartford, CT 06106 (800) 842-1508 <a href="http://www.ct.gov/dss/site/default.asp">www.ct.gov/dss/site/default.asp</a>
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## HEALTH CARE REFORM

<b>For information about the ACA:</b> <a href="http://www.HealthCare.gov">www.HealthCare.gov</a>	<b>For more information on the federal Pre-Existing Condition Plan options available in each state:</b> <a href="http://www.PCIP.gov">www.PCIP.gov</a>
<b>Kaiser Family Foundation Video, “Healthcare Reform Hits Main Street:”</b> <a href="http://healthreform.kff.org/the-animation.aspx">http://healthreform.kff.org/the-animation.aspx</a>	

## GENETICS AND CANCER

<b>For information about GINA and the ADA with respect to employment discrimination:</b> Equal Employment Opportunity Commission 33 Whitehall Street, 5th Floor New York, NY 10004 (800) 669-4000 <a href="http://www.eeoc.gov">www.eeoc.gov</a>	<b>For information about state laws that protect against genetic discrimination in employment:</b> Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities 21 Grand St. Hartford, CT 06106 (860) 541-3400 or (800) 477-5737 <a href="http://www.state.ct.us/chro">www.state.ct.us/chro</a>
<b>For information about state laws that protect against genetic discrimination in insurance:</b> Connecticut Insurance Department P.O. Box 816 Hartford, CT 06142-0816 (860) 297-3900 or (800) 203-3447 <a href="http://www.ct.gov/cid/site/default.asp">www.ct.gov/cid/site/default.asp</a>	<b>For information about GINA and HIPAA with respect to health insurance:</b> Connecticut Insurance Department P.O. Box 816 Hartford, CT 06142-0816 (860) 297-3900 or (800) 203-3447 <a href="http://www.ct.gov/cid/site/default.asp">www.ct.gov/cid/site/default.asp</a>

## MANAGING THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF CANCER TREATMENT

<b>For information about Hill-Burton facilities:</b> Hill-Burton (800) 638-0742 <a href="http://www.hrsa.gov/hillburton/default.htm">www.hrsa.gov/hillburton/default.htm</a>	<b>To file a complaint with your health plan or request an independent medical review:</b> Connecticut Insurance Department P.O. Box 816 Hartford, CT 06142-0816 (860) 297-3900 or (800) 203-3447 <a href="http://www.ct.gov/cid/site/default.asp">www.ct.gov/cid/site/default.asp</a>
<b>To report a debt collector or file a consumer complaint:</b> Federal Trade Commission (877) FTC- HELP	Office of the Attorney General 55 Elm Street Hartford, Connecticut 06106 (860) 808 – 5318 <a href="http://www.ct.gov/ag/site/default.asp">www.ct.gov/ag/site/default.asp</a>
<b>For credit counseling information:</b> Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) (800) 873-CCCS or <a href="http://www.cccsintl.org">www.cccsintl.org</a>	<b>For assistance with tax preparation and counseling:</b> Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (800) 285-2221 <a href="http://www.abanet.org/lspd/vita">www.abanet.org/lspd/vita</a>

<b>For possible legal assistance with bankruptcy:</b> American Bar Association (800) 285-2221 <a href="http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/Iris/directory">www.abanet.org/legalservices/Iris/directory</a>	
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## ESTATE PLANNING

<b>For estate planning assistance:</b> American Bar Association Estate Planning FAQ <a href="http://www.abanet.org/rpte/public/home.html">www.abanet.org/rpte/public/home.html</a>	<b>To download a state specific AHCD:</b> National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization Caring Connections (800) 658-8898 <a href="http://www.caringinfo.org/stateaddownload">www.caringinfo.org/stateaddownload</a>
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## LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

<b>To find out who your U.S. Representatives are:</b> <a href="http://www.house.gov">www.house.gov</a> Capitol Switchboard (202) 224-3121	<b>To find out who your U.S. Senators are:</b> <a href="http://www.senate.gov">www.senate.gov</a> Capitol Switchboard (202) 224-3121
<b>To find information about a specific federal bill:</b> Office of Legislative Information on Capitol Hill (202) 225-7400 or <a href="http://thomas.loc.org">thomas.loc.org</a>	<b>To find information about your elected officials:</b> Vote Smart <a href="http://www.votesmart.org">www.votesmart.org</a> League of Women Voters <a href="http://www.lwv.org">www.lwv.org</a>
<b>To obtain a voter registration form:</b> <a href="http://www.fec.gov/votregis/vr.shtml">www.fec.gov/votregis/vr.shtml</a>	<b>For absentee voting information:</b> <a href="http://www.votesmart.org/voter_registration_resources.php">www.votesmart.org/voter_registration_resources.php</a>
<b>To participate in Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Advocacy Alliance efforts:</b> <a href="http://www.KomenAdvocacy.org">www.KomenAdvocacy.org</a>	<b>To participate in American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network advocacy efforts:</b> <a href="http://www.ACSCAN.org">www.ACSCAN.org</a>
<b>To participate in Lance Armstrong Foundation advocacy efforts:</b> <a href="http://www.livestrong.org">www.livestrong.org</a>	<b>To participate in Cancer Legal Resource Center advocacy efforts:</b> (213) 736-1455 or 1-866-THE-CLRC <a href="http://www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org/about/LegislativeAdvocacy.cfm">www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org/about/LegislativeAdvocacy.cfm</a>
<b>For information on the Help America Vote Act (HAVA):</b> <a href="http://www.fec.gov/hava/hava.htm">www.fec.gov/hava/hava.htm</a>	

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