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National Financial Assistance

The Cancer Legal Resource Center (CLRC) has designed this information sheet to answer commonly asked questions regarding the availability of possible financial assistance. However, this handout may be just a starting point for you to find out additional information. Please feel free to contact the CLRC at (866) THE-CLRC if you need additional information or to answer other questions you may have.



The American Cancer Society (ACS) is a nationwide, community based, voluntary health organization. With over 3,400 local offices, the 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:

- (1) Log on to www.cancer.org, type in your zip code in the box "Find ACS in Your Community" section of the homepage (located on the right side) and click on "GO."
- (2) Click on the "FIND MORE LOCAL RESOURCES" link located under the "LOCAL RESOURCES" section (located in the bottom right side).
- (3) You will be directed to a webpage that lists categories of resources in your area. Select the resource categories that you are interested in and then click "GO."

If you have additional questions, simply call the ACS toll free information line at (800) ACS-2345 and ask specifically about financial assistance resources available in your area.



CancerCare is a national non-profit organization that provides free professional support services to anyone affected by cancer including patients, caregivers, children, loved ones and the bereaved. CancerCare programs include counseling, education, and financial assistance.

Specifically, CancerCare Assist® can help individuals who are struggling with cancer-related treatment costs, such as pain medication, transportation to and from treatment, home care, and child care. Their social workers are well trained in financial issues and will work closely with you to get the help you need.

To apply for CancerCare's financial assistance:

Call toll free (800) 813-HOPE; or visit www.cancercare.org



AVONCares Program for Medically Underserved Women provides financial assistance to low-income and uninsured women throughout the country. The AvonCares program will provide the following service for women in the United States and Puerto Rico with breast or cervical cancer and their families: financial assistance, emotional support for individuals and families, education and outreach, information about cancer and treatment, and referrals to other services. For information on the AVONCares, **contact CancerCare at 1-800-813-HOPE (4673) or visit www.cancercare.org.**



Through a partnership between Susan G. Komen for the Cure and CancerCare, qualified, low income, under-insured or uninsured breast cancer patients may be eligible for financial assistance under the Linking A.R.M.S. program. Grants to cover the costs of oral cancer treatment medications, pain and anti-nausea medications, lymphedema support and supplies, and durable medical equipment may be available. **For more information call toll free (800) 462-9273 or visit www.cancercare.org.**



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 specific chronic illnesses and rare disorders. Through private and corporate donations, PSI offers assistance to families based on the severity of the medical and financial need. **To request an application, call toll free (800) 366-7741.** If approved, assistance will be granted for a maximum of two years pending the availability of PSI funds.

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. Assistance may also be available to patients who are experiencing secondary issues as a result of cancer treatment.

The Co-Pay Relief program offers personal services to all patients through the use of call counselors. These counselors will assist you throughout the entire application process and screen for eligibility (by collecting financial and medical information) from everyone who calls to apply for the program. **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:

- (1) Call toll free (800) 532-5274; or
- (2) Log on to www.patientadvocate.org, click on "Resources," then click on "National Financial Resources Guide"



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. The Colorectal CareLine also offers financial aid through the Financial Aid Fund for those diagnosed with colorectal cancer who need financial assistance. **For more information about the Colorectal CareLine, log on to www.colorectalcareline.org or call (866) 657-8634.**



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. **To apply, contact the LIHEAP program in your community or call the National Energy Assistance Referral Project at toll free (202) 401-9351 for more information.**



The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society offers patients who reside in the United States and Puerto Rico and have difficulty paying for or simply cannot afford their private or public health insurance premiums or co-pay obligation, a possibility that they may be eligible for this program. It is available to patients with Myeloma, Hodgkin lymphoma, Non-Hodgkin lymphoma, Acute myelogenous leukemia, Myelodysplastic syndromes. **To apply, contact the Co-Pay Assistance Program at (877)-LLS-COPAY or contact the information resource center at (800) 955-4572 or log on to www.lls.org/copay or email copay@lls.org**



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The Foundation provides copayment and premium payment assistance to eligible individuals. This means that if you've been prescribed a medication, but are unable to afford the copayment required by your insurer, they may be able to help by paying some or all of your copayment. Also, 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. They are currently able to provide assistance to patients undergoing treatment in several disease areas. **To apply for the program log on to www.healthwellfoundation.org. For questions, contact the HealthWell Foundation at (800) 675-8416.**



The Patient Access Network Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to supporting the needs of patients that cannot access the treatments they need due to out-of-pocket health care costs. **To apply, call (866) 316-PANF (7263).** A Patient Access Network Foundation counselor will work with you directly to assist you in completing the application and assess your eligibility for assistance.

NATIONAL MARROW DONOR PROGRAM®

The National Marrow Donor Program® (NMDP) offers financial assistance through its Marrow 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.marow.org.**



The National Brain Tumor Foundation (NBTF) provides financial assistance to patients through its Patient Help Fund. The Patient Help Fund assists patients with treatment-related expenses, medication co-pays, and transportation to treatment. Financial assistance applications are reviewed on a monthly basis, and awards range from \$100 to \$1,000. **For more information, call (800) 934-2873 or log on to www.braintumor.org.**



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 (732) 432-7120 or (800) 634-7346.**



Angel Food Ministries is a non-profit, non-denominational organization dedicated to providing grocery relief to communities throughout the United States. For more information, log on to www.angelfoodministries.com or call (770) 267-7015 or (888) 819-3745.



The Food Stamp Program helps low-income individuals and families buy the food they need for good health. You apply for benefits by completing a state application form. Benefits are provided on an electronic card that is used like an ATM card and accepted at most grocery stores. **To apply, log on to www.fns.usda.gov.**



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 two (2) years or less. They help with day-to-day living expenses such as rent or mortgage, groceries, utilities, car payments, and insurance payments. They evaluate the need of each family on a case-by-case basis. **To apply, log on to www.terminallyill.org or call (866) 668-1724 or (502) 220-4601.**

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