

Disability Rights Legal Center



Cancer Legal Resource Center

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State Appendices: Louisiana Resources

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

EMPLOYMENT

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| <p>For questions about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): Equal Employment Opportunity Commission 600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Place, Suite 268 Louisville, Kentucky 40202 (800) 669-4000 (800) 669-6820 (TTY) www.eeoc.gov</p> | <p>For questions about job accommodations: Job Accommodation Network (JAN) P.O. Box 6080 Morgantown, WV 26506-6080 (800) 526-7234 or (800) ADA-WORK www.jan.wvu.edu</p> |
| <p>For questions about §503 of the Rehabilitation Act (federal contractors): U.S. Dept. 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 www.dol.gov/esa/ofccp</p> | <p>For questions about §504 the Rehabilitation Act (federal financial assistance): 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>For questions about Louisiana fair employment laws: Louisiana Commission on Human Rights 1001 N. 23rd St., Suite 262 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802 (225) 342-6969 or (888) 248-0859 (TDD) gov.louisiana.gov/HumanRights/humanrightshome.htm</p> | <p>For questions about the practical aspects of being an employee with cancer: Cancer and Careers (212) 685-5955 www.cancerandcareers.org</p> |

TAKING TIME OFF WORK

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| <p>For questions about the Family & Medical Leave Act (FMLA): U.S. Department of Labor – Employment Standards Administration - Wage & Hour Division F. Edward Hebert Building 600 South Maestri Place, Room 615 New Orleans, LA 70130 (504) 589-6171 or (866) 487-9243 www.dol.gov/esa/whd/fmla</p> | <p>For questions or concerns about the confidentiality of medical information: 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>For questions about Louisiana leave laws: Louisiana Commission on Human Rights 1001 N. 23rd St., Suite 262 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802 (225) 342-6969 or (888) 248-0859 (TDD) gov.louisiana.gov/HumanRights/humanrightshome.htm</p> | <p>Louisiana Workforce Commission P.O. Box 94094 Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9094 (225) 342-3111 www.LAworks.net</p> |
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DISABILITY INSURANCE

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| <p>For private disability insurance questions: Louisiana Department of Insurance Post Office Box 94214 Baton Rouge, LA 70804 (225) 342-5900 or (800) 259-5300 www.ldi.louisiana.gov</p> | <p>For Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) questions: Social Security Administration (800) 772-1213 or www.ssa.gov</p> |
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HEALTH INSURANCE & HEALTH CARE OPTIONS

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| <p>For insurance questions: Louisiana Department of Insurance Post Office Box 94214 Baton Rouge, LA 70804 (225) 342-5900 or (800) 259-5300 www.ldi.louisiana.gov</p> | <p>For COBRA questions: U.S. Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration 525 South Griffin St, Rm 900 Dallas, TX 75202-5025 (972) 850-4500 or (866) 444-3272 www.dol.gov/ebsa</p> |
| <p>For HIPP questions: Louisiana Bureau of Health Services Financing (888) 695-2447 www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/?ID=148</p> | <p>For HIPAA questions: Louisiana Health Plan (LHP) (225) 926-6245 (Baton Rouge) or (800) 736-0947 www.lahealthplan.org</p> <p>Louisiana offers individuals who are HIPAA eligible the right to buy an individual insurance policy from the high risk pool, called the Louisiana Health Plan (LHP). The policies are sold through individual insurers. LHP offers coverage with a choice of annual deductibles (\$1000, \$2000, \$3500 or \$5000).</p> |
| <p>For high risk insurance questions: Louisiana Health Plan (800) 736-0947 or www.lahealthplan.org</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifetime Cap: \$625,000 • Waiting Period as of 11/2010: None • Average Monthly Cost: Varies by plan, age, gender, and geography. • Multiple Plans: Yes | <p>Federal Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PICP) (866) 717-5826 or www.pcip.gov</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lifetime Cap: none • Average Monthly Cost <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ages 0 to 18: \$171-\$230 ○ Ages 19 to 34: \$256-\$345 ○ Ages 35 to 44: \$307-\$414 ○ Ages 45 to 54: \$393-\$528 ○ Ages 55+: \$546-\$735 |
| <p>For assistance with Medicare: Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) (800) 663-4227 www.medicare.gov</p> | <p>Louisiana Senior Health Insurance Information Program P.O. Box 94214 Baton Rouge, LA 70804 (225) 219-7731 www.ldi.state.la.us/Health/SHIIP/index.html</p> |

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| <p>For assistance with Medicaid: Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) (800) 633-4227 or www.cms.gov</p> | <p>Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals P.O. Box 91278 Baton Rouge, LA 70821-9278 (888) 342-6207 or (888) 342-6207 www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/?ID=92</p> |
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HEALTH CARE REFORM

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

GENETICS AND CANCER

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| <p>For information about GINA and the ADA with respect to employment discrimination: Equal Employment Opportunity Commission 600 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Place, Suite 268 Louisville, Kentucky 40202 (800) 669-4000 (800) 669-6820 (TTY) www.eeoc.gov</p> | <p>For information about state laws that protect against genetic discrimination in employment: Louisiana Commission on Human Rights 1001 N. 23rd St., Suite 262 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802 (225) 342-6969 or (888) 248-0859 (TDD) gov.louisiana.gov/HumanRights/humanrightshome.htm</p> |
| <p>For information about state laws that protect against genetic discrimination in insurance: Louisiana Department of Insurance Post Office Box 94214 Baton Rouge, LA 70804 (225) 342-5900 or (800) 259-5300 www.lidi.louisiana.gov</p> | <p>For information about GINA and HIPAA with respect to health insurance: Louisiana Department of Insurance Post Office Box 94214 Baton Rouge, LA 70804 (225) 342-5900 or (800) 259-5300 www.lidi.louisiana.gov</p> |

MANAGING THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF CANCER TREATMENT

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| <p>For information about Hill-Burton facilities: Hill-Burton (800) 638-0742 www.hrsa.gov/hillburton/default.htm</p> | <p>To file a complaint with your health plan or request an independent medical review: Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals Health Standards Section P.O. Box 3767 Baton Rouge, LA 70821 (225) 342-0138 www.dhh.louisiana.gov/offices/?ID=112</p> |
| <p>To report a debt collector or file a consumer complaint: Federal Trade Commission (877) FTC- HELP www.ftc.gov</p> | <p>Office of the Louisiana Attorney General Consumer Protection Section P.O. Box 94005 Baton Rouge, LA 70804 (225) 326-6465 or (800) 351-4889 www.ag.state.la.us/Complaint.aspx</p> |

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| <p>For credit counseling information: Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS) (800) 873-CCCS or www.cccsintl.org</p> | <p>For assistance with tax preparation and counseling: Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (800) 285-2221 or www.abanet.org/lsd/vita</p> |
| <p>For possible legal assistance with bankruptcy: American Bar Association (800) 285-2221 www.abanet.org/legalservices/lris/directory</p> | |

ESTATE PLANNING

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

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

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