

## Disability Rights Legal Center

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## Cancer Legal Resource Center

The CLRC is a joint program of the Disability Rights Legal Center & Loyola Law School Los Angeles

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## State Appendices: Pennsylvania 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><b>For questions about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):</b><br/>Equal Employment Opportunity Commission<br/>1001 Liberty Avenue, #300<br/>Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4187<br/>(412) 644-3444 or (800) 669-4000<br/><a href="http://www.eeoc.gov">www.eeoc.gov</a></p>               | <p>Equal Employment Opportunity Commission<br/>21 South 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor<br/>Philadelphia, PA 19106<br/>(215) 440-2600 or (800) 669-4000<br/><a href="http://www.eeoc.gov">www.eeoc.gov</a></p>   |
| <p><b>For questions about job accommodations:</b><br/>Job Accommodation Network (JAN)<br/>P.O. Box 6080<br/>Morgantown, WV 26506-6080<br/>(800) 526-7234 or (800) ADA-WORK<br/><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><br/>U.S. Dept. of Labor<br/>Office of Federal Compliance Program<br/>Frances Perkins Building, Room C-3325<br/>200 Constitution Avenue, N.W.<br/>Washington, D.C. 20210<br/>(800) 397-6251 or <a href="http://www.dol.gov/ofccp">www.dol.gov/ofccp</a></p> |
| <p><b>For questions about §504 the Rehabilitation Act (federal financial assistance):</b><br/>U.S. Department of Justice<br/>Civil Rights Division - Disability Rights Section<br/>950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.<br/>Washington, D.C. 20530<br/>(800) 514-0301 or (800) 614-0383 (TTY)</p> | <p><b>For questions about Pennsylvania fair employment laws:</b><br/>Pennsylvania Civil Rights Agency<br/>301 Chestnut Street, Suite 300<br/>Harrisburg, PA 17101<br/>(717) 787-4410 or (717) 787-4087<br/><a href="http://www.phrc.state.pa.us">www.phrc.state.pa.us</a></p>  |

### TAKING TIME OFF WORK

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| <p><b>For questions about the Family &amp; Medical Leave Act (FMLA):</b><br/>U.S. Department of Labor - Employment Standards Administration - Wage &amp; Hour Division<br/>US Custom House, Room 400<br/>Second &amp; Chestnut Streets<br/>Philadelphia, PA 19106<br/>(215) 597-4950 or (866) 487-9243</p> | <p>U.S. Department of Labor - Employment Standards Administration - Wage &amp; Hour Division<br/>7 North Wilkes Barre Blvd.<br/>Stegmaier Bldg. Suite 373M<br/>Wilkes Barre, PA 18702-5284<br/>(570) 826-6316 or (866) 487-9243</p> |
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| <p><a href="http://www.dol.gov/whd/fmla">www.dol.gov/whd/fmla</a><br/> U.S. Department of Labor - Employment Standards Administration - Wage &amp; Hour Division<br/> Federal Building, 1000 Liberty Ave., Suite 1416<br/> Pittsburgh, PA 15222<br/> (412) 395-4996 or (866) 487-9243<br/> <a href="http://www.dol.gov/whd/fmla">www.dol.gov/whd/fmla</a></p> | <p><a href="http://www.dol.gov/whd/fmla">www.dol.gov/whd/fmla</a></p>  |
| <p><b>For questions or concerns about the confidentiality of medical information:</b><br/> Office for Civil Rights<br/> U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services<br/> 200 Independence Avenue, S.W.<br/> Room 509F, HHH Building<br/> Washington, D.C. 20201<br/> (866) 368-1019</p>   | <p><b>For questions about Pennsylvania leave laws:</b><br/> Pennsylvania Civil Rights Agency<br/> 301 Chestnut Street, Suite 300<br/> Harrisburg, PA 17101<br/> (717) 787-4410 or (717) 787-4087<br/> <a href="http://www.phrc.state.pa.us">www.phrc.state.pa.us</a></p> |

## DISABILITY INSURANCE

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| <p><b>For private disability insurance questions:</b><br/> Pennsylvania Insurance Department<br/> 1326 Strawberry Square<br/> Harrisburg, PA 17120<br/> (877) 881-6388<br/> <a href="http://www.ins.state.pa.us">www.ins.state.pa.us</a></p> | <p><b>For Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) questions:</b><br/> Social Security Administration<br/> (800) 772-1213 or <a href="http://www.ssa.gov">www.ssa.gov</a></p> |
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## HEALTH INSURANCE & HEALTH CARE OPTIONS

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| <p><b>For insurance questions:</b><br/> Pennsylvania Insurance Department<br/> 1326 Strawberry Square<br/> Harrisburg, PA 17120<br/> (877) 881-6388<br/> <a href="http://www.ins.state.pa.us">www.ins.state.pa.us</a></p>  | <p><b>For COBRA questions:</b><br/> U.S. Department of Labor<br/> Employee Benefits Security Administration<br/> 170 S Independence Mall West, Suite 870 West<br/> Philadelphia, PA 19106-3317<br/> (215) 861-5300 or (866) 444-3272<br/> <a href="http://www.dol.gov/ebsa">www.dol.gov/ebsa</a></p>   |
| <p><b>For HIPP questions:</b><br/> Pennsylvania Dept. of Public Welfare – HIPP Program<br/> (800) 644-7730<br/> <a href="http://www.dpw.state.pa.us/provider/doingbusinesswithdpw/medicassistance/healthinsurancepremiumpaymenthippprogram/P_002977">www.dpw.state.pa.us/provider/doingbusinesswithdpw/medicassistance/healthinsurancepremiumpaymenthippprogram/P_002977</a></p> | <p><b>For HIPAA questions:</b><br/> Pennsylvania Department of Insurance Regional Consumer Office<br/> (877) 881-6388 or <a href="http://www.insurance.state.pa.us">www.insurance.state.pa.us</a></p> <p>Blue Cross and Blue Shield plans in Pennsylvania will sell at least one individual health insurance policy to any resident on a guaranteed issue basis. However, if you are HIPAA eligible, the Blue Cross and Blue Shield plan operating in your region must offer you a choice of at least two state-approved policies. If two policies are not designated, you must be offered a choice of all of their individual insurance policies.</p> |
| <p><b>For high risk insurance questions:</b><br/> Federal Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan<br/> PA Fair Care<br/> (888) 767-7015 or <a href="http://www.pafaircare.com">www.pafaircare.com</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifetime Cap: none</li> </ul>   | <p><b>For assistance with Medicare:</b><br/> Center for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)<br/> (800) 663-4227 or <a href="http://www.medicare.gov">www.medicare.gov</a></p>   |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Average Monthly Cost: \$283</li> </ul>   |  |
| <b>For assistance with Medicaid:</b><br>Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)<br>(800) 633-4227 or <a href="http://www.cms.gov">www.cms.gov</a> | Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare<br>Office of Medical Assistance Programs<br>Philadelphia State Office Building<br>1400 Spring Garden Street<br>Philadelphia, PA 19130-4088<br>(215) 560-7226 or (800) 657-7925<br><a href="http://www.dpw.state.pa.us">www.dpw.state.pa.us</a> |

## HEALTH CARE REFORM

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| <b>For information about the ACA:</b><br><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><br><a href="http://www.PCIP.gov">www.PCIP.gov</a> |
| <b>Kaiser Family Foundation Video, "Healthcare Reform Hits Main Street:"</b><br><a href="http://healthreform.kff.org/the-animation.aspx">http://healthreform.kff.org/the-animation.aspx</a> |   |

## GENETICS AND CANCER

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| <b>For information about GINA and the ADA with respect to employment discrimination:</b><br>Equal Employment Opportunity Commission<br>1001 Liberty Avenue, #300<br>Pittsburgh, PA 15222-4187<br>(412) 644-3444 or (800) 669-4000<br><a href="http://www.eeoc.gov">www.eeoc.gov</a> | <b>For information about state laws that protect against genetic discrimination in employment:</b><br>Pennsylvania Civil Rights Agency<br>301 Chestnut Street, Suite 300<br>Harrisburg, PA 17101<br>(717) 787-4410 or (717) 787-4087<br><a href="http://www.phrc.state.pa.us">www.phrc.state.pa.us</a> |
| <b>For information about state laws that protect against genetic discrimination in insurance:</b><br>Pennsylvania Insurance Department<br>1326 Strawberry Square<br>Harrisburg, PA 17120<br>(877) 881-6388 or <a href="http://www.ins.state.pa.us">www.ins.state.pa.us</a>          | <b>For information about GINA and HIPAA with respect to health insurance:</b><br>Pennsylvania Insurance Department<br>1326 Strawberry Square<br>Harrisburg, PA 17120<br>(877) 881-6388 or <a href="http://www.ins.state.pa.us">www.ins.state.pa.us</a>   |

## MANAGING THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF CANCER TREATMENT

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| <b>For information about Hill-Burton facilities:</b><br>Hill-Burton<br>(800) 638-0742<br><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><br>Pennsylvania Insurance Department<br>(877) 881-6388 or <a href="http://www.ins.state.pa.us">www.ins.state.pa.us</a> |
| <b>To report a debt collector or file a consumer complaint:</b><br>Federal Trade Commission<br>(877) FTC- HELP or <a href="http://www.ftc.gov">www.ftc.gov</a>                        | Pennsylvania Office of Attorney General<br>(800) 441-2555<br><a href="http://www.attorneygeneral.gov/Complaints.aspx">www.attorneygeneral.gov/Complaints.aspx</a>   |
| <b>For credit counseling information:</b><br>Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS)<br>(800) 873-CCCS or <a href="http://www.cccsintl.org">www.cccsintl.org</a>                    | <b>For assistance with tax preparation and counseling:</b><br>Volunteer Income Tax Assistance<br>(800) 285-2221 or <a href="http://www.abanet.org/ltd/vita">www.abanet.org/ltd/vita</a>                           |
| <b>For possible legal assistance with bankruptcy:</b><br>American Bar Association<br>(800) 285-2221   |   |

[www.abanet.org/legalservices/Iris/directory](http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/Iris/directory)

## ESTATE PLANNING

### **For estate planning assistance:**

American Bar Association

Estate Planning FAQ

[www.abanet.org/rpte/public/home.html](http://www.abanet.org/rpte/public/home.html)

### **To download a state specific AHCD:**

National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization

Caring Connections

(800) 658-8898

[www.caringinfo.org/stateaddownload](http://www.caringinfo.org/stateaddownload)

## LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

### **To find out who your U.S. Representatives are:**

[www.house.gov](http://www.house.gov)

Capitol Switchboard (202) 224-3121

### **To find out who your U.S. Senators are:**

[www.senate.gov](http://www.senate.gov)

Capitol Switchboard (202) 224-3121

### **To find information about a specific federal bill:**

Office of Legislative Information on Capitol Hill

(202) 225-7400 or [thomas.loc.org](http://thomas.loc.org)

### **To find information about your elected officials:**

Vote Smart [www.votesmart.org](http://www.votesmart.org)

League of Women Voters [www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

### **To obtain a voter registration form:**

[www.fec.gov/votregis/vr.shtml](http://www.fec.gov/votregis/vr.shtml)

### **For absentee voting information:**

[www.votesmart.org/voter\\_registration\\_resources.php](http://www.votesmart.org/voter_registration_resources.php)

### **To participate in Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Advocacy Alliance efforts:**

[www.KomenAdvocacy.org](http://www.KomenAdvocacy.org)

### **To participate in American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network advocacy efforts:**

[www.ACSCAN.org](http://www.ACSCAN.org)

### **To participate in Lance Armstrong Foundation advocacy efforts:**

[www.livestrong.org](http://www.livestrong.org)

### **To participate in Cancer Legal Resource Center advocacy efforts:**

(213) 736-1455 or 1-866-THE-CLRC

[www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org/about/LegislativeAdvocacy.cfm](http://www.disabilityrightslegalcenter.org/about/LegislativeAdvocacy.cfm)

### **For information on the Help America Vote Act (HAVA):**

[www.fec.gov/hava/hava.htm](http://www.fec.gov/hava/hava.htm)

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