

Disability Rights Legal Center



Cancer Legal Resource Center

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State Appendices: Rhode Island 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>For questions about the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA): Equal Employment Opportunity Commission John F. Kennedy Federal Building Govt. Center, 4th Floor, Room 475 Boston, MA 02203 (617) 565-3200 or (800) 669-4000 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/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 Rhode Island fair employment laws: Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights 180 Westminster Street, 3rd Floor Providence, RI 02903 (401) 222-2661 or www.richr.state.ri.us/frames.html</p>	

TAKING TIME OFF WORK

<p>For questions about the Family & Medical Leave Act (FMLA): U.S. Department of Labor - Employment Standards Administration - Wage & Hour Division 380 Westminster Mall, Room 546 Providence, RI 02903 (401) 528-4431 or (866) 487-9243 www.dol.gov/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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DISABILITY INSURANCE

<p>For private disability insurance questions: Rhode Island Insurance Division Department of Business Regulation 1511 Pontiac Ave. Cranston, RI 02920 (401) 462-9500 www.dbr.state.ri.us/divisions/insurance</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>
<p>For state disability insurance questions: Rhode Island Department of Labor & Training Temporary Disability Insurance 1511 Pontiac Avenue, P.O. Box 20100 Cranston, RI 02920 (401) 462-8420 or www.dlt.state.ri.us/tdi</p>	

HEALTH INSURANCE & HEALTH CARE OPTIONS

<p>For insurance questions: Rhode Island Insurance Division Department of Business Regulation 1511 Pontiac Ave. Cranston, RI 02920 (401) 462-9500 www.dbr.state.ri.us/divisions/insurance</p>	<p>For COBRA questions: U.S. Department of Labor Employee Benefits Security Administration J.F.K. Building, Room 575 Boston, MA 02203 (617) 565-9600 or (866) 275-7922 www.dol.gov/ebsa</p>
<p>For HIPAA questions: Insurance Division, Rhode Island Department of Business Regulation (401) 222-2223 or www.ohic.ri.gov</p> <p>At this time, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island is the only company providing individual health insurance coverage in Rhode Island:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island at www.bcbsri.com/BCBSRIWeb/plansandservices/individual_plans.jsp 	<p>For high risk insurance questions: Federal Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island (401) 351-BLUE or (800) 505-2583 www.bcbsri.com/BCBSRIWeb/plansandservices/ECIPRI/index.jsp</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lifetime Cap: none Average Monthly Cost: \$206 to \$994
<p>For assistance with Medicare: Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) (800) 663-4227 or www.medicare.gov</p>	<p>State Health Insurance Assistance Program Rhode Island Department of Elderly Affairs 74 West Road, Hazard Building, FI 2 Cranston RI 02920 (401) 462-3000 or www.dea.ri.gov</p>
<p>For assistance with Medicaid: Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) (800) 633-4227 or www.cms.gov</p>	<p>Rhode Island Department of Human Services Louis Pasteur Building #57 600 New London Avenue Cranston, RI 02920</p>

(401) 462-5300 or www.dhs.ri.gov

HEALTH CARE REFORM

For information about the ACA:
www.HealthCare.gov

For more information on the federal Pre-Existing Condition Plan options available in each state:
www.PCIP.gov

Kaiser Family Foundation Video, "Healthcare Reform Hits Main Street:"
<http://healthreform.kff.org/the-animation.aspx>

GENETICS AND CANCER

For information about GINA and the ADA with respect to employment discrimination:
Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
John F. Kennedy Federal Building
Govt. Center, 4th Floor, Room 475
Boston, MA 02203
(617) 565-3200 or (800) 669-4000
www.eeoc.gov

For information about state laws that protect against genetic discrimination in employment:
Rhode Island Commission for Human Rights
180 Westminster Street, 3rd Floor
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 222-2661
www.richr.state.ri.us/frames.html

For information about state laws that protect against genetic discrimination in insurance:
Rhode Island Insurance Division
1511 Pontiac Ave.
Cranston, RI 02920
(401) 462-9500
www.dbr.state.ri.us/divisions/insurance

For information about GINA and HIPAA with respect to health insurance:
Rhode Island Insurance Division
1511 Pontiac Ave.
Cranston, RI 02920
(401) 462-9500
www.dbr.state.ri.us/divisions/insurance

MANAGING THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF CANCER TREATMENT

For information about Hill-Burton facilities:
Hill-Burton
(800) 638-0742
www.hrsa.gov/hillburton/default.htm

To file a complaint with your health plan or request an independent medical review:
Rhode Island Insurance Division
(401) 462-9500
www.dbr.state.ri.us/divisions/insurance

To report a debt collector or file a consumer complaint:
Federal Trade Commission
(877) FTC- HELP
www.ftc.gov

Office of Attorney General
Consumer Protection Division
150 South Main Street
Providence, RI 02903
(401) 274-4400
www.riag.ri.gov/civilcriminal/consumerprotection.php

For credit counseling information:
Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS)
(800) 873-CCCS or www.cccsintl.org

For assistance with tax preparation and counseling:
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance
(800) 285-2221 or www.abanet.org/lcd/vita

For possible legal assistance with bankruptcy:
American Bar Association
(800) 285-2221
www.abanet.org/legalservices/lris/directory

ESTATE PLANNING

<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

<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/votregis/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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