

## Disability Rights Legal Center

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## Cancer Legal Resource Center

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## State Appendices: Washington 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 Federal Office Building 909 First Avenue, Suite 400 Seattle, WA 98104-1061 (800) 669-4000 or (800) 669-6820 (TTY) <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. 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 <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> 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 Washington fair employment laws:</b> Washington State Human Rights Commission P.O. Box 42490, 711 S Capital Way #402 Olympia, WA 98504-2490 (360) 753-6770 or (800) 233-3247 <a href="http://www.hum.wa.gov">www.hum.wa.gov</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 &amp; Hour Division 1111 Third Avenue, Suite 755 Seattle, WA 98101-3212 (206) 398-8039 or (866) 487-9243 <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> 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 Washington leave laws:</b>  Washington State Human Rights Commission  P.O. Box 42490  711 S Capital Way #402  Olympia, WA 98504-2490  (360) 753-6770 or (800) 233-3247  <a href="http://www.hum.wa.gov">www.hum.wa.gov</a></p>	<p>Washington State Department of Labor and Industries  P.O. Box 44000  Olympia, WA 98504-4000  (360) 902-5800 or (360) 902-5797 (TDD)  <a href="http://www.lni.wa.gov">www.lni.wa.gov</a></p>
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## DISABILITY INSURANCE

<p><b>For private disability insurance questions:</b>  Washington Office of the Insurance Commissioner  P.O. Box 40256  Olympia, WA 98504-0256  (360) 725-7000 or (800) 562-6900  <a href="http://www.insurance.wa.gov">www.insurance.wa.gov</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>  Washington Office of the Insurance Commissioner  P.O. Box 40256  Olympia, WA 98504-0256  (360) 725-7000 or (800) 562-6900  <a href="http://www.insurance.wa.gov">www.insurance.wa.gov</a></p>	<p><b>For COBRA questions:</b>  U.S. Department of Labor  Employee Benefits Security Administration  1111 Third Avenue, Suite 860  Seattle, WA 98101-3212  (206) 553-4246 or (866) 444-3272  <a href="http://www.dol.gov/ebsa">www.dol.gov/ebsa</a></p>
<p><b>For HIPAA questions:</b>  Washington State Health Insurance Pool  (800) 877-5187  <a href="http://www.wship.org/Default.asp">www.wship.org/Default.asp</a></p> <p>In Washington, you are guaranteed the same right to purchase individual health insurance as all other individuals in Washington. However, if you are HIPAA eligible and your prior employer-sponsored group coverage was exempt from COBRA (e.g. your employer had less than 20 employees) and you do not have 24 months of continuous group coverage, then you must take the Standard Health Questionnaire (SHQ). If, based on your SHQ, you are not offered an individual health insurance policy, then you are eligible for coverage through the Washington State Health Insurance Pool (WSHIP).</p>	<p><b>For major risk insurance questions:</b>  Washington State Health Insurance Pool  (800) 877-5187</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifetime Cap: \$2,000,000</li> <li>• Waiting Period as of 11/2010: none</li> <li>• Average Monthly Cost: Varies by plan, age</li> <li>• Multiple Plans: Yes</li> </ul> <p>Federal Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan (PCIP)  (800) 562-6900  <a href="http://www.insurance.wa.gov/consumers/health/preconditionplanwa/aboutplan.shtml">www.insurance.wa.gov/consumers/health/preconditionplanwa/aboutplan.shtml</a></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Lifetime Cap: none</li> <li>• Average Monthly Cost: \$177 to \$1,577</li> </ul>
<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>State Health Insurance Benefits Advisors  Washington Office of the Insurance Commissioner  P.O. Box 40256  Olympia, WA 98504-0256  (800) 562-6900  <a href="http://www.insurance.wa.gov/shiba/shiba_mission.shtml">www.insurance.wa.gov/shiba/shiba_mission.shtml</a></p>
<p><b>For assistance with Medicaid:</b>  Center for Medicare &amp; Medicaid Services (CMS)  (800) 633-4227 or <a href="http://www.cms.gov">www.cms.gov</a></p>	<p>Washington Dept. of Social and Health Services  P.O. Box 45130  Olympia, WA 98504-5130  (800) 737-0617 or (800) 562-3022  <a href="http://www.dshs.wa.gov">www.dshs.wa.gov</a></p>

## HEALTH CARE REFORM

<p><b>For information about the ACA:</b>  <a href="http://www.HealthCare.gov">www.HealthCare.gov</a></p>	<p><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></p>
<p><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></p>	

## GENETICS AND CANCER

<p><b>For information about GINA and the ADA with respect to employment discrimination:</b>          Equal Employment Opportunity Commission          Federal Office Building          909 First Avenue, Suite 400          Seattle, WA 98104-1061          (800) 669-4000 or (800) 669-6820 (TTY)  <a href="http://www.eeoc.gov">www.eeoc.gov</a></p>	<p><b>For information about state laws that protect against genetic discrimination in employment:</b>          Washington State Human Rights Commission          P.O. Box 42490          711 S Capital Way #402          Olympia, WA 98504-2490          (360) 753-6770 or (800) 233-3247  <a href="http://www.hum.wa.gov">www.hum.wa.gov</a></p>
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## MANAGING THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF CANCER TREATMENT

<p><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></p>	<p><b>To file a complaint with your health plan or request an independent medical review:</b>          Washington State Department of Health          P.O. Box 47857          Olympia, WA 98504-7857          (360) 236-4700 or <a href="http://www.doh.wa.gov">www.doh.wa.gov</a></p>
<p><b>To report a debt collector or file a consumer complaint:</b>          Federal Trade Commission          (877) FTC- HELP  <a href="http://www.ftc.gov">www.ftc.gov</a></p>	<p>Washington State Office of the Attorney General          1125 Washington Street SE          P.O. Box 40100          Olympia, WA 98504-0100          (360) 753-6200, (800) 551-4636,          (206) 464-6684  <a href="http://www.atg.wa.gov/Default.aspx">www.atg.wa.gov/Default.aspx</a></p>
<p><b>For credit counseling information:</b>          Consumer Credit Counseling Service (CCCS)          (800) 873-CCCS or <a href="http://www.ccsintl.org">www.ccsintl.org</a></p>	<p><b>For assistance with tax preparation and counseling:</b>          Volunteer Income Tax Assistance          (800) 285-2221 or <a href="http://www.abanet.org/ltd/vita">www.abanet.org/ltd/vita</a></p>
<p><b>For possible legal assistance with bankruptcy:</b>          American Bar Association          (800) 285-2221  <a href="http://www.abanet.org/legalservices/lris/directory">www.abanet.org/legalservices/lris/directory</a></p>	

## ESTATE PLANNING

<p><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></p>	<p><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></p>
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## LEGISLATIVE ADVOCACY

<p><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</p>	<p><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</p>
<p><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></p>	<p><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></p>
<p><b>To obtain a voter registration form:</b>  <a href="http://www.fec.gov/votregis/vr.shtml">www.fec.gov/votregis/vr.shtml</a></p>	<p><b>For absentee voting information:</b>  <a href="http://www.votesmart.org/voter_registration_resources.php">www.votesmart.org/voter_registration_resources.php</a></p>
<p><b>To participate in Susan G. Komen for the Cure® Advocacy Alliance efforts:</b>  <a href="http://www.KomenAdvocacy.org">www.KomenAdvocacy.org</a></p>	<p><b>To participate in American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network advocacy efforts:</b>  <a href="http://www.ACSCAN.org">www.ACSCAN.org</a></p>
<p><b>To participate in Lance Armstrong Foundation advocacy efforts:</b>  <a href="http://www.livestrong.org">www.livestrong.org</a></p>	<p><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></p>
<p><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></p>	

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