

SOURCES OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The financial costs associated with cancer are often overwhelming. Even having health insurance doesn't guarantee you'll be able to afford treatment. It's best to start researching your options before a financial crisis develops. This fact sheet lists various sources of financial assistance available to people with cancer. Check with each agency or organization to see if you qualify for help.



GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

There are a number of federal and state programs that provide financial benefits to individuals and families. These benefits, known as entitlements, are primarily set up for low-income households, the elderly, and the disabled. Each entitlement has eligibility requirements. There are also programs administered through state governments that can help with health care related needs. Government assistance programs include:

U.S. Department of Health & Human Services

Information on public assistance and food stamps

Check phonebook for your local office
www.hhs.gov

U.S. Administration on Aging

Benefits for older adults

800-677-1116
www.eldercare.gov
(Eldercare Locator finds resources in your community)

Social Security Administration

800-772-1213
www.ssa.gov

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

800-633-4227
www.cms.gov

PHARMACEUTICAL PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Programs and services offered differ among drug manufacturers but may include:

- Help with insurance reimbursement
- Referrals to co-pay relief programs
- Help with the application process
- Discounted or free medications for patients who do not qualify for other assistance

Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA)

888-4-PPA-NOW (888-477-2669)
www.pparx.org

To see if the drug company that makes your medication has a patient assistance program, check its website. You can also ask your doctor or check with the Partnership for Prescription Assistance (PPA). PPA has a list of pharmaceutical programs and other resources for financial assistance.

NONPROFIT PROGRAMS FOR CO-PAY RELIEF

A number of nonprofit organizations provide help for expenses such as drug co-payments, deductibles, and other medical costs. These programs have their own eligibility rules and may cover only certain cancers. Contact each organization to learn more.

CancerCare® Co-Payment Assistance Foundation
866-55-COPAY
www.cancercarecopay.org

Chronic Disease Fund
877-968-7233
www.cdfund.org

HealthWell Foundation
800-675-8416
www.healthwellfoundation.org

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's Co-Pay Assistance Program
877-557-2672
www.lls.org/copay

National Organization for Rare Disorders
800-999-6673 (Voice mail only)
203-744-0100
www.rarediseases.org

Patient Access Network Foundation
866-316-7263
www.panfoundation.org

Patient Advocate Foundation Co-Pay Relief Program
866-512-3861
www.copays.org

Patient Services Incorporated
800-366-7741
www.patientservicesinc.org

In addition to needing help with managing the cost of medicines and treatment, people with cancer often need assistance with expenses like transportation, home care and child care. A number of nonprofit organizations have useful programs or referral information to help with these and other practical needs.

CANCER ORGANIZATIONS

CancerCare
800-813-HOPE (4673)
www.cancercare.org

American Cancer Society
800-ACS-2345
www.cancer.org

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
800-955-4572
www.lls.org

Lymphoma Research Foundation
800-500-9976
www.lymphoma.org

National Marrow Donor Program
888-999-6743
www.marrow.org

Patient Advocate Foundation's Colorectal CareLine
866-657-8634
www.colorectalcareline.org

Sarcoma Alliance
415-381-7236
www.sarcomaalliance.org

CancerCare® Can Help

Founded in 1944, CancerCare is the leading national organization providing free support services and information to help people manage the emotional, practical and financial challenges of cancer. Our comprehensive services include counseling and support groups over the phone, online and in-person, educational workshops, publications and financial and co-payment assistance. All CancerCare services are provided by professional oncology social workers.

To learn more, visit www.cancercare.org or call **800-813-HOPE (4673)**.
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GENERAL ORGANIZATIONS

United Way
www.unitedway.org

Community Organizations
Check phonebook under "social service agencies."

Faith-based Organizations
These include Catholic Charities, Lutheran Social Services, Jewish Family Services and others. Check phonebook for listings.

THE CANCER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE COALITION

The Cancer Financial Assistance Coalition (CFAC) is a group of financial assistance organizations, including CancerCare, that have joined forces to help cancer patients experience better health and well-being by limiting financial challenges. The coalition's website, www.cancerfac.org, includes a searchable database of local and national organizations that provide financial assistance to people with cancer and their families. The site allows you to search for resources by diagnosis or by the type of financial assistance you need.

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