

Financial Support Resources for Cancer Patients

National:

[The Cancer Financial Assistance Coalition \(CFAC\)](#) is a group of 15 organizations that collaboratively fund and maintain a database of financial and other resources specifically for individuals diagnosed with cancer.

[Cancer Care's financial assistance programs](#) Helps with treatment-related costs, such as transportation, home care and childcare. View available assistance and eligibility guidelines. (800) 813-HOPE (4673)

[The Health Well Foundation](#) is an independent, non-profit organization providing financial assistance to adults and children to cover the cost of prescription drug coinsurance, copayments, deductibles, health insurance premiums and other selected out-of-pocket health care costs. (800) 675-8416

[The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's](#) patient financial aid program provides limited financial assistance to patients diagnosed with a blood cancer (such as leukemia, lymphoma, or multiple myeloma) with significant financial need to help defray treatment-related expenses. (800) 955-4572

[The National Foundation for Transplants](#) provides fundraising assistance for patients needing transplants, including bone marrow and stem cell transplants. (800) 489-3863

[The American Cancer Society](#) offers programs and services to help you during and after cancer treatment such as 24/7 Helpline, Lodging, Transportation to treatment, support groups, Hair Loss and Mastectomy Products. They can also help you find other free or low-cost resources available. (800-227-2345)

[United Way](#) office can direct you to services in your local community.

[The Department of Social Services](#) in your city or county may provide food, housing, and other general assistance services. Sometimes they may offer direct financial assistance. Check the local telephone directory or online for contact information.

Community-based groups:

- local churches
- lodges
- synagogues

May provide help to people with cancer, sometimes even if the person is not a member of that organization or religion. Some hospitals also have private funds available for patients in need.

Local Service or Volunteer Organizations:

- Catholic Charities
- Jewish Social Services
- the Lions Club
- Lutheran Social Services
- the Salvation Army
- and others

May offer financial assistance. Some of these organizations offer grants to help cover the cost of treatment and other expenses, while others help with specific services or products, such as travel or medications. A social worker or an Internet search can provide you with a list of organizations. Many hospitals and clinics also maintain a list of service organizations in the community.

Housing Assistance

[The Healthcare Hospitality Network](#) is an association of more than 200 nonprofit organizations that provide lodging and support services to families and their loved ones who are receiving medical treatment away from home. (800) 542-9730

[The American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge](#) gives cancer patients and their caregivers a free place to stay while receiving treatment in another city. Currently, there are 31 Hope Lodge locations throughout the United States. (800) 227-2345

[Joe's House](#) is a nonprofit organization providing a nation-wide online service that helps cancer patients and their families find lodging near treatment centers. (877) 563-7468

[Ronald McDonald House Charities](#) offer free or reduced-cost lodging for families of seriously ill children who are receiving treatment at nearby hospitals. (630) 623-7048

Travel assistance

[Air Care Alliance](#) offers a central listing of free transportation services provided by volunteer pilots and charitable aviation groups. (888) 260-9707

[Air Charity Network](#) coordinates free air transportation for people in need through various organizations around the United States. (877) 621-7177

[The Corporate Angel Network](#) arranges free air transportation for people with cancer traveling to treatment using empty seats on corporate jets. (914) 328-1313

[Life Line Pilots](#) are volunteer pilots who donate their time and all flight expenses to people in need of free transportation for on-going treatment, diagnosis, and follow-up care. (800) 822-7972

[Mercy Medical Angels](#) Mercy Medical Angels removes the barrier to medical care with transportation on the ground with gas cards, bus and train tickets and in the air with flights flown by volunteer pilots and the commercial airlines. (757) 318-9174

[PALS Sky Hope \(Patient Airlift Services\)](#) has a network of volunteer pilots who provides people with chronic illnesses air transport services at no cost. (888) 818-1231

[Pilots for Christ](#) offers free personal transportation for those in need of medical attention. (251) 575-9425

Medication and Treatment Cost Assistance

[Medication Assistance Programs for Patients](#) (PDF), which is compiled, updated, and generously provided by Cancer.Net (Last updated: December 2020)

[Good Days](#) provides financial support for patients who cannot afford the treatment they urgently need. (877) 968-7233

[Needy Meds](#) is an information source on companies that offer patient assistance programs. These programs help those who cannot afford medications to obtain them at no or low cost through the manufacturer. (800) 503-6897

[PhRMA's Medicine Assistance Tool \(MAT\)](#) is a search engine for many of the patient assistance resources that the biopharmaceutical industry offers.

[Patient Access Network Foundation](#) assists patients with out-of-pocket costs associated with their treatment. (866) 316-7263

[Patient Advocate Foundation Co Pay Relief Program](#) provides direct payment for co-pays, co-insurance, and deductibles for patients who need financial assistance. Database of open funds or Health Equity Funds is searchable by disease/ diagnosis.

[Accessia Health](#) aids with insurance premiums and co-payments for people with chronic diseases. (800) 366-7741

[RxHope.com](#) helps patients obtain free or low-cost prescription medications. (877) 267-0517

General Financial information

[The DONNA Care Line](#) provides uninsured & insured patients, caregivers, or their providers specific case management services. A team of professional case managers with both nursing and social work backgrounds, and non-clinical case managers who have an insurance industry background with coding and billing expertise use their knowledge of reimbursement issues, and help patients diagnosed with breast cancer navigate a variety of issues. (877) 236-6626

[The American Childhood Cancer Organization](#) maintains a list of organizations offering financial assistance. (855) 858-2226

[The Assistance Fund](#) provides financial support to chronically ill patients with high-cost medications. (855) 845-3663

[Stomp The Monster](#) provides financial assistance to patients currently undergoing cancer treatment in the NJ or NYC areas.

[The Patient Advocate Foundation](#) provides education, legal counseling, and referrals for people with cancer who need assistance managing insurance, financial, debt crisis, and job discrimination issues. (800) 532-5274

[Cancer Care](#) Tips for Finding Financial Assistance section, Financial Help for People with Cancer fact sheet, and the publication [A Helping Hand](#) – Financial Edition provide information on financial resources.

[Cancer Family Relief Fund](#) is a charitable organization that encourages and facilitates grants to children whose parent or guardian is struggling with a diagnosis of cancer. These grants support the children's extracurricular activities so that they may feel some sense of normalcy as their parent focuses on treatment and recovery.

[Cancer and Your Finances](#) a booklet available from the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, offers information and tips on money management, health insurance, and financial resources.

[The LIVESTRONG Foundation](#) offers a section on insurance and financial assistance.

[The National Cancer Institute](#) offers links to support and resources, including information about cancer support organizations, finances, insurance, and hospice and home care.

[The Cholangiocarcinoma Foundation](#) offers potential sources of information and financial assistance which may be helpful for patients and caregivers. (888) 936-6731

[Cancer.Net](#) provides timely, comprehensive, oncologist-approved info from the American Society of Clinical Oncology (ASCO), with support from the Conquer Cancer Foundation. Cancer.Net brings the expertise and resources of ASCO to people living with cancer and those who care for and about them to help patients and families make informed health care decisions.

Misc. Needs

[Sharsheret Best Face Forward 2.0](#) provides services & subsidies for eligible individuals for non-medical services that are critical to a woman's quality of life and body image, and that are only partly covered by insurance, if at all. Services include financial subsidies for wigs, cold caps, and tattooing--micropigmentation of the nipple and areola, and tattooing of the eyebrows. **Tattooing only available in select locations. For services, financial eligibility must be met and documentation of diagnosis provided.*

[Phil's Friends Care Package](#) provides care packages to cancer patients that includes various items for comfort during treatment (blanket, beanie, various toiletries, recreational items- playing cards, puzzles books), a Card of Hope mailed monthly for 1 year, and virtual support through the Hope on Call program. (224) 653-8315

Navigating Cancer Care

Being a self-advocate involves taking an active role in your cancer care. It can be as simple as asking more questions at a doctor's appointment.

Being a self-advocate doesn't mean that you alone are responsible for your cancer care. In fact, it commonly involves seeking additional support from others, including friends, family members, and health care professionals.