Financial Resources for Patients with Blood Cancer

Air Charity Network  (877) 621-7177  www.aircharitynetwork.org
Formerly Angel Flight America, this organization provides free flights to people in need of medical treatment. Call or visit the Air Charity Network website to find the contact information for an affiliate in your area.

Alliance of Claims Assistance Professionals  (888) 394-5163  www.claims.org
Works with clients to ensure that they receive all the health insurance benefits to which they are entitled. Claims assistance professionals provide education about benefits and options and act as liaisons between patients, insurance companies and health care providers.

American Cancer Society (ACS)  (800) ACS-2345  www.cancer.org
The ACS provides a wealth of information and tools for managing the financial and logistical issues related to your cancer. This website includes information on insurance issues, advice on what to do if your work situation changes, as well as how to find a professional financial advisor sensitive to cancer issues to help guide you. ACS provides transportation and lodging support as well.

Be The Match  (800) 627-7692  www.marrow.org
Operated by the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP), Be the Match serves patients in need of a life-saving bone marrow or cord blood cell transplant. Funds are available for co-payments and insurance premiums, unrelated donor searches, and out-of-pocket expenses, such as lodging, food and transportation, following a transplant. Grant applications are only accepted through qualified NMDP-affiliated center personnel.

Brenda Mehling Cancer Fund  (800) 878-9184  www.bmcf.net
Provides financial assistance for patients ages 18-40 who are going through cancer treatment. Grants are awarded to cover co-payments, rent/mortgage, transportation, car insurance, repairs, and groceries. Please contact organization through website email.

CancerCare  (800) 813-HOPE (4673)  www.cancercare.org
CancerCare provides free, professional support services to anyone affected by cancer: people with cancer, caregivers, children, loved ones, and the bereaved. CancerCare programs include counseling and support groups, education, financial assistance and practical help. CancerCare publishes a comprehensive resource guide, Helping Hand, as well as information on financial resources. Currently, CancerCare provides limited financial assistance, including support for women and children with all diagnoses.

Cancer Financial Aid Coalition (CFAC)  www.cancercan.org
CFAC is a coalition of financial assistance organizations joining forces to help cancer patients experience better health and well-being by limiting financial challenges, through: Facilitating communication and collaboration among member organizations; Educating patients and providers about existing resources and linking to other organizations that can disseminate information about the collective resources of the member organizations; Advocating on behalf of cancer patients who continue to bear financial burdens associated with the costs of cancer treatment and care.

Cancer Fund of America, Inc. (CFA)  (800) 578-5284  www.cfoa.org
CFA is a national agency helping cancer patients through patient assistance programs. They provide items

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such as liquid nutritional supplements and vitamins, lotions and ointments, food items, various medical supplies, and non-prescription medicine, toys, clothing, and hygiene items.

**Cancer Legal Resource Center (CLRC)**
(213) 736-1455 or (866) THE-CLRC (866-843-2572)
[www.cancerlegalresourcecenter.org](http://www.cancerlegalresourcecenter.org)
The CLRC is a joint program of the Disability Rights Legal Center and Loyola Law School. The CLRC provides free and confidential information and resources on cancer-related legal issues to cancer survivors, their families, friends, employers, health care professionals, and others coping with cancer.

**Cancer Liaison Program** (888) 463-6332; [www.fda.gov/oashicancer/cancer.html](http://www.fda.gov/oashicancer/cancer.html)
Answers questions from patients, their friends and family members, and patient advocates about treatments for cancer and other conditions. The program also provides information on gaining access to drugs in development.

**Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)**
[www.cms.gov](http://www.cms.gov)
CMS is the government entity responsible for Medicare and Medicaid. For comprehensive information about Medicare and especially Medicare Part D see or call: (800) 633-4227 or [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

**Chronic Disease Fund (CDF)**
(877) 968-7233
[www.cdfund.org/](http://www.cdfund.org/)
CDF is a non-profit charitable organization that helps uninsured patients with chronic disease, cancers or life-altering conditions obtain the expensive medications they need. They assist patients throughout the United States who meet income qualification guidelines and have private insurance or a Medicare Part D plan but cannot afford the co-payments for their specialty therapeutics.

**Co-Pay Relief Program (CPR)** (866) 512-3861 [www.copays.org/](http://www.copays.org/)
The Patient Advocate Foundation (PAF) Co-Pay Relief Program (CPR) provides direct financial support to insured patients, including Medicare Part D beneficiaries, who must qualify financially and medically to access pharmaceutical co-pay assistance. The program offers personal service to all patients through the use of call counselors guiding patients through the enrollment process. Currently provides support for many diseases, including Chemotherapy Induced Neutropenia, Cancer, Multiple, and pain.

**Consolidated Omnibus Reconciliation Act (COBRA)**
1-866-4-USA-DOL (1-866-487-2365)
[www.dol.gov/dol/topic/health-plans/cobra.htm](http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/health-plans/cobra.htm)
The Department of Labor provides comprehensive information about COBRA on their website. For information about COBRA and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA): call 1-866-444-EBSA (3272) or visit [www.dol.gov/ebsa/COBRA.html](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa/COBRA.html)

**Corporate Angel Network, Inc.**
(866) 328-1313
[www.corpangelnetwork.org](http://www.corpangelnetwork.org)
Arranges free flights for cancer patients to treatment centers. The Network uses the empty seats on corporate aircrafts flying on routine business. Patients are allowed only one adult companion; however, patients who are children may be accompanied by both parents.
Dignity Resources  (877) 563-2100  www.dignityresources.com/
DignityResources.com is a non-profit organization created to help people understand the assets and financial options available to them during a serious or life threatening illness, and assist them in making the most informed choices possible given their particular situation, assets, and needs.

Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)
1-866-4USWAGE (1-866-487-9243)
www.dol.gov/dol/topic/benefits-leave/fmla.htm
The Department of Labor provides an Overview of the FMLA.

Feeding America  (800) 771-2303  www.feedingamerica.org/
Feeding America network provides food assistance to more than 25 million low-income people facing hunger in the United States. They have a network of more than 200 food banks serving all 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.

Fertile Hope  (888) 994-4673  www.fertilehope.org
Dedicated to meeting the needs of patients whose medical treatments present the risk of infertility. The organization strives to advance fertility research and understanding of fertility risks and preservation options, encourages personal educated decisions, makes preservation treatments available regardless of economic status, and helps patients cope with important family planning issues. Fertile Hope also provides financial assistance for sperm banking and embryo freezing and storing.

First Descents  (303) 945-2490  www.firstdescents.org
Provides a week long outdoor adventure camp for young adults with cancer ages 18-39. Programs are all about having fun, getting outside, and pushing your limits through kayaking, rock climbing and other outdoor activities.

Give Forward  www.giveforward.com
GiveForward is one of the top online fundraising websites and easiest ways to help a loved one in need. While many online fundraising websites cater towards more general fundraising efforts, Give Forward is the only online platform for medical fundraising that provides coaches who offer guidance on how to raise money online.

HEADstrong Foundation  www.headstrongfoundation.org  (610) 461-5987
The HEADstrong Foundation makes available grants to patients undergoing treatment for blood cancers, who are experiencing financial hardship. Grant Amounts: Up to $2,000.00 (subject to availability of funds) for patients who are undergoing treatment at time of application for leukemia, lymphoma or myeloma, experiencing financial hardship as a result of medical condition, and who are U.S. citizens.

Health Insurance Marketplace  (800) 318-2596  www.healthcare.gov
Comprehensive guidance related to the federal government’s health insurance “exchange”. Open enrollment begins November 15, 2014 and ends February 15, 2014. Should you find that you are denied coverage by the marketplace, please bring a copy of your denial letter to the Leukemia or Lymphoma Business Office for further assistance.

HealthWell Foundation  (800) 675-8416  www.healthwellfoundation.org/
The HealthWell Foundation helps individuals afford prescription medications they are taking for specific
illnesses. The Foundation provides financial assistance to eligible patients to cover certain out-of-pocket health care costs, including prescription drug co-insurance, co-payments, and deductibles, health insurance premiums and other selected out-of-pocket health care costs.

HelpHopeLive (800) 642-8399  https://m.helphopelive.org/
HelpHOPELive brings communities together in tax-exempt fundraising efforts to help patients and families pay medical bills and access treatments.

Joe's House (877) 563-7468  www.joeshouse.org/
Joe's House is a non-profit organization providing a nationwide online service that helps cancer patients and their families find lodging near treatment centers.

Lance Armstrong Foundation (LAF)  (512) 236-8820 or (866) 673-7205
www.livestrong.org/cancersupport
LAF provides practical information and tools to help people with cancer live life on their own terms. Online topics help you find support, assistance and ways to deal with financial challenges during the cancer experience. You can get One-on-One Support through the LIVESTRONG Survivor Care program including counseling and referrals to local resources to help address financial and insurance concerns.

Lazarex (877) 866-95  www.lazarex.org
Lazarex’s mission is to provide resources for cancer patients who’ve been told they have no other options, but who are not yet done with their journey in life and refuse to give up now. They provide financial assistance to defray the costs associated with patient participation in FDA clinical trials. Additionally, they help patients navigate their clinical trial options and provide community education and outreach services.

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS)  (800) 955-4572  www.leukemia-lymphoma.org/
LLS offers services and resources to people diagnosed with a blood cancer. They have information about managing household finances and health care insurance, and understanding rights in the workplace as a survivor or a caregiver. LLS also offers a Patient Financial Aid Program and Co-Pay Assistance Program.

Leukemia Texas  (214) 265-7393  www.leukemiatexas.org
Leukemia Texas is an independent nonprofit corporation dedicated to fighting the life-threatening blood cancer of leukemia through the funding of leukemia research and patient aid in Texas. Leukemia Texas provides financial assistance to leukemia patients who are both a legal Texas resident AND a U.S. citizen and needing help with their necessary treatment expenses. Application available on-line.

Life Line Pilots  (800) 822-7972  www.lifelinepilots.org
Provides free flights to patients needing transportation to medical facilities far from their homes. Patients must have a financial need and must be ambulatory.

Marti Nelson Cancer Foundation  (530) 756-0291  www.canceractionnow.org
A nonprofit organization that works to make experimental cancer drugs available on a "compassionate access" basis. Compassionate access is a way for people with life-threatening illnesses who have already tried every available treatment to use promising new drugs while they are still being tested. People in this situation often join a clinical trial, which is the official route to using medications before they are approved by the FDA.
Meals on Wheels Association of America  (703) 548-5558  www.mowaa.org
Delivers free meals to elderly and disabled persons around the country. The Meals on Wheels website contains a national database to find a location near you.

MedbankUS  (877) 435-7755  www.medbankus.org
Provides prescription drug discount cards that allow patients with little or no prescription drug coverage to save 15% to 40% on name-brand and generic prescription drugs.

National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship (NCCS)  (301) 650-9127 or (888) 650-9127  www.canceradvocacy.org/
NCCS offers free publications on insurance and employment issues for people living with, through, and beyond cancer. You can also listen to the Cancer Survival Toolbox, an audio-program that includes a section on Finding Ways to Pay for Care. All of the resources can be useful to the person diagnosed with cancer as well as their family members, friends and caregivers.

NEAR is a free service for people who want information on where to apply for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), which may pay a portion of the energy bills of eligible low-income persons.

National Foundation for Transplant  (800) 489-3863  www.transplants.org
Provides fundraising assistance for individuals in need of a transplant.

National Leukemia Research Association  (516) 222-1944  www.childrensleukemia.org
Provides financial assistance to leukemia patients of all ages for x-ray therapy, chemotherapy, and leukemia drugs, as well as for laboratory fees associated with leukemia.

National Organization for Rare Disorders (NORD)  (203) 744-0100 or (800) 999-6673 (voicemail only)  www.rarediseases.org/
NORD is a federation of voluntary health organizations dedicated to helping people with rare "orphan" diseases and assisting the organizations that serve them. NORD administers programs to assist uninsured or underinsured individuals in securing lifesaving or life-sustaining medications. NORD works closely with certain pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies to ensure that certain vital medications are available to those individuals whose income is too high to qualify for Medicaid but too low to pay for their prescribed medications.

National Patient Travel Center  (800) 296-1217  www.patienttravel.org
Provides referrals and "how to get there" assistance for any patient needing to travel to a distant, specialized medical facility for evaluation, diagnosis or treatment.

National Transplant Assistance Fund  (800) 642-8399  www.transplantfund.org
Provides fundraising assistance to cancer patients in need of transplants. The Fund also provides limited financial assistance.

NeedyMeds  www.needymeds.org/
NeedyMeds is a free, online clearinghouse to help people who cannot afford medicine or health care costs. This website includes a wide range of information about services such as Discount Drug Cards, Medicaid
websites, Federal Poverty Guidelines and other useful information.

**Partnership for Prescription Assistance**  (888) 4PPA-NOW (1-888-477-2669)  www.pparx.org
The Partnership for Prescription Assistance is a coalition of pharmaceutical companies, doctors, other health care providers, patient advocacy organizations and community groups that helps qualifying patients who lack prescription coverage get the medicines they need through the public or private program that's right for them. Its mission is to increase awareness of patient assistance programs and boost enrollment of those who are eligible. Through this site, the Partnership for Prescription Assistance offers a single point of access to more than 475 public and private patient assistance programs, including more than 180 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies.

**Patient Access Network Foundation (PAN)**  (866) 316-PANF (7263)  www.patientaccessnetwork.org
PAN is a non-profit organization, unaffiliated with any of its donors, dedicated to assisting insured patients who cannot afford the out-of-pocket costs associated with their treatment needs.

**Patient Advocate Foundation (PAF)**  (800) 532-5274  www.patientadvocate.org
PAF is a national non-profit organization that seeks to safeguard patients through effective mediation assuring access to care, maintenance of employment and preservation of their financial stability relative to their diagnosis of life threatening or debilitating diseases. Among resources offered is the National Financial Resources Guidebook for Patients, a state by state directory of information for patients seeking financial relief for a broad range of needs including housing, utilities, food, transportation to medical treatment, and children’s resources.

**Patient Services, Inc.**  (800) 366-7741  www.uneedpsi.org
Assists patients in locating health insurance policies. PSI provides health insurance premium assistance (including COBRA) and co-payment assistance (including helping satisfy Medicare Part D true-out-of-pocket). Offers assistance with the following conditions: bone metastases, chronic myelogenous leukemia (CML), cutaneous T-cell lymphoma, and gastrointestinal stromal tumors (GIST). Call or check website for full list of covered conditions.

**Perillo-Stafford Leukemia Foundation**
(813) 781-7870 - Randy Stafford, Co-Founder
(813) 244-7083 - Joe Perillo, Co-Founder
www.psf-inc.com
PSF provides financial assistance for individuals who have been diagnosed with leukemia. Application available on-line.

**ReproTech, Ltd.**  (888) 489-8944  www.fertilitypreservation.com
ReproTech is dedicated to making reproductive tissue banking services available to cancer patients, and all patients wishing to preserve their fertility. Its Fertility Preservation Network of fertility centers provides cryopreservation services across the US. ReproTech provides the long-term storage for specimens at one of our four facilities (MN, FL, NV, TX). A financial assistance program for cancer patients, Verna’s Purse, www.vernaspurse.org, is available.

**Rx Outreach**  (800) 769-3880  www.rxoutreach.com
A patient assistance program that provides affordable medicines for those who qualify financially. Provides 90-day supplies of prescription medications for $20, $30, or $40, regardless of the number of pills your doctor prescribes per day. Help is available to people regardless of age or whether they use another discount medicine program or patient assistance program.

**Social Security Administration**  (800) 772-1213  [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)
SSA is the government agency with oversight for Social Security Disability Insurance and Supplemental Security Income.

**Society of St. Vincent de Paul**  (314) 576-3993  [www.svdpusa.org](http://www.svdpusa.org)
Provides various services to people in need, including food programs, emergency financial assistance, emergency transportation, rent/mortgage assistance, free pharmacy services, budget counseling, referral services, and more. To get help, contact the nearest Catholic Church in your community and ask if they have a Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference in their parish or know of one in your vicinity. Or, look for "Society of St. Vincent de Paul" in your local White Pages.

**State Health Insurance Assistance Programs (SHIP)**  (800) 633-4227  [www.medicare.gov/contacts](http://www.medicare.gov/contacts)
Available in every state, these programs assist people with health insurance questions, particularly related to Medicare and Medicaid.

**Surviving And Moving Forward: The SAMFund for Young Adult Survivors of Cancer**
info@thesamfund.org
[www.thesamfund.org](http://www.thesamfund.org)
Assists cancer survivors ages 17-35 with their transition into post-treatment life. This program distributes grants and scholarships in an effort to enable survivors to pursue their educational or professional goals.

**Survivorship A-Z**
[www.survivorshipatoz.org/cancer](http://www.survivorshipatoz.org/cancer)
Survivorship A-Z is a web-based resource providing practical, legal and financial information. The site includes the ability to make a computer-generated profile, personalized to your legal, financial and social situation. The general information applies to all life-changing conditions, and is modified when appropriate for cancer.

**The Max Foundation**  (888) 462-9368  [www.themaxfoundation.org](http://www.themaxfoundation.org)
The MAX Foundation is an international organization and offers two free programs to survivors of blood and rare cancers. The Patient Navigation Program assists CML and GIST survivors navigate healthcare systems for access to treatment. Banding Together assists families of blood &/or rare cancer survivors to fundraise in the US for treatment-related expenses.

**The Wellness Community**  888-793-WELL (9355)  [www.thewellnesscommunity.org/](http://www.thewellnesscommunity.org/)
The Wellness Community is an international, non-profit organization that provides support, education and hope to people with cancer and those who care for them. The Wellness Community empowers individuals affected by cancer through the learning of vital skills that enable them to regain control, reduce isolation and enhance quality of life. Programs at The Wellness Community are offered at no charge.

**Together Rx Access**  (800) 250-2839  [www.togetherrxaccess.com/](http://www.togetherrxaccess.com/)
Together Rx Access provides a free prescription savings card for individuals who are legal residents of the United States, are not eligible for Medicare, do not have prescription drug coverage, and meet certain household income levels. The Together Rx Access Card was created by 10 pharmaceutical companies, providing access to more than 300 brand-name prescription and generic products.
United Way  (703) 836-7112  www.liveunited.org/  The United Way is an excellent source of information about local charities and programs that may be able to provide financial and resource support.

Where There's A Need, Inc.  (866) 803-6095  www.wheretheresaneed.org  Provides hair scarves for women and children who have experienced hair loss due to chemotherapy and radiation cancer treatment or other medical conditions. Specialize in head scarves for children, babies and young adults.

MD Anderson Cancer Center Financial Resources

Chamberlin Edmonds  (713) 563-0280
A third-party vendor located on-site and available to provide guidance regarding process for obtaining Medicaid and Social Security Disability Insurance.

MD Anderson Pharmacy Patient Resources  (713) 563-4965
On-site pharmacy reimbursement specialists who provide linkage to both community and in-house pharmacy assistance programs.

Leukemia Business Office  (713) 563-2000
Your assigned Patient Access Specialist (PAS) can address insurance-related concerns as well as provide information about Patient Financial Assistance.

Lymphoma/Myeloma Business Office  (713) 792-3510
Your assigned Patient Access Specialist (PAS) can address insurance-related concerns as well as provide information about Patient Financial Assistance.

The Department of Social Work  (713) 792-6195  Each patient has access to a licensed master's level Social Work Counselor who is available to provide emotional support as well as general support and linkage to a variety of institutional and community-based resources.