



Financial Resources

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MEDICAL FLIGHT PROGRAMS

Air Care Alliance – umbrella organization

www.aircareall.org

(888) 260-9707

Links patients with numerous free flight programs.

Air Charity Network

www.aircharitynetwork.org

(877) 621-7177

Offers free flights in the U.S. Volunteer pilots are available to fly patients in need to specialized health care facilities.

Angel Flight America – umbrella organization

www.angelflight.com

(918) 749-8992

Provides a free flight for the patient and a support person for distances under 1,000 miles.

Mercy Medical Angels

www.mercymedical.org

(888) 675-1405

Referral service that connects patients to free flights.

Miles for Kids in Need - American Airlines

www.aa.com/kids

(817) 963-8118

Uses donated frequent-flyer miles to provide flights for children who require medical treatment that is not available where they live. Oxygen is available on flights.

Miracle Flights for Kids

www.miracleflights.org

(800) 539-1711

Flies children who are struggling with serious cancers and debilitating diseases to specialized medical treatment centers across the U.S.

National Patient Travel Center

www.patienttravel.org

(800) 296-1217

Provides information about charities that assist with long-distance medical air transport.

LODGING

National Association of Hospital Hospitality Houses

www.nahhh.org

(800) 542-9730

Referral service for 150 nonprofit organizations that provide comfortable lodging for families supporting their loved ones during medical treatment. Cost for accommodations starts at \$15 per night per family.

Ronald McDonald House

www.rmhc.com

(630) 623-7048

Provides families with housing while their children receive medical treatment. Families are asked to make a \$5 - \$20 donation per night, if possible.

Fisher House – Supporting Military Families

www.fisherhouse.org

(888) 294-8560

Provides families with a place to stay at every major military and VA medical center. Cost per family ranges from free to \$10 per night. Speak with the hospital's social worker for additional options.

MEDICATION ASSISTANCE

Children's Leukemia Foundation of Michigan

www.leukemiamichigan.org

(248) 530-3000

Offers financial and emotional support for Michigan residents with blood and bone marrow disorders.

Chronic Disease Fund (CDF)

www.cdfund.org

(877) 968-7233

Provides medication co-pay assistance for MDS patients with private insurance or Medicare Part-D plan. If CDF cannot help you, they will refer you to other resources for assistance.

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Leukemia and Lymphoma Society
www.leukemia-lymphoma.org

(800) 955-4572

Offers two programs to help pay for covered services. A Patient Financial Aid program offers up to \$150 per year to patients for approved drugs, blood and marrow transfusions, transportation costs to appointments and x-ray therapy. The Co-Pay Assistance Program can provide up to \$5,000 to help patients with insurance, out-of-pocket costs associated with treatment for MDS or another eligible disease.

Medicaid – Prescription Drug Program
www.cms.hhs.gov/medicaid

Provides detailed information on Medicaid, including information on enrollment, new initiatives and prescription drugs. Also includes information on reimbursement and financial assistance.

Medicare – Prescription Drug Program
www.medicare.gov

Provides information on public and private programs that offer discounted or free medication, programs that provide help with other health care costs and Medicare health plans that include prescription coverage.

National Association of Counties
www.caremark.com/naco

(877) 321-2652

Your county may be able to provide you with a discount card that allows you to buy medications at a reduced rate at participating pharmacies. Advance Rx's website provides a list of counties that offer the card, instructions on requesting a card and resources to find pharmacies where it can be used.

Needy Meds
www.needymeds.com

Nonprofit organization that helps people who cannot afford medicine or healthcare costs. Information is available anonymously and free.

National Organization of Rare Disorders (NORD)
– Medication Assistance Program

www.rarediseases.org/programs/medication

(203) 744-0100 or (800) 999-6673 (voicemail only)

NORD works with pharmaceutical companies to ensure that vital medications are available to those in need. They currently offer a program to assist with premiums and co-pays for PNH patients.

Patient Access Network Foundation
www.panfoundation.org

(866) 316-7263

Provides up to \$12,000 per year to MDS patients who have insurance but cannot afford out-of-pocket costs. Check eligibility requirements. Applications are on their website or you can call a counselor.

Partnership for Prescription Assistance
www.pparx.org

(888) 477-2669

Single point of access to more than 275 public and private patient assistance programs, including more than 150 offered by pharmaceutical companies.

RXAssist – Volunteers in Health Care
www.rxassist.org

(877) 844-8442

Maintains a database of resources for low-income patients to receive free or low-cost medications. National nonprofit organization.

Together RX Access
www.togetherrxaccess.com

(800) 444-4106

Provides a free card for discounts on more than 300 brand-name drugs and some generic drugs at participating pharmacies. There are income and other requirements, and you must be a legal resident of the U.S.

PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY ASSISTANCE

Alexion One Source Program

www.soliris.net (then click on One Source) (888) 765-4747

Assists patients who have been prescribed Solaris (eculizumab) by connecting them to alternate funding sources and by getting their insurance company to process claims. They also offer several other services.

Amgen – Reimbursement Connection Program

www.amgen.com/responsibility/access-to-medicine/reimbursement-support-services-and-financial-assistance-programs

(800) 272-9376

Amgen makes the drugs Aranesp, Neulasta, Neupogen, Nplate and Epogen. The program offers patient assistance with a variety of programs. The website also includes guides to insurance verification, patient assistance and billing and claims support.

Sanofi US Oncology - Leukine Reimbursement

www.leukine.com/patient-reimbursement

Offers services such as benefit verification, claims review and billing assistance. It can also offer access to treatment for uninsured patients who meet program criteria.

Celgene – Patient Support Coordinator**www.celgenepsc.com**

(800) 931-8691

Provides information about their products, including Revlimid and Vidaza. Patients can ask questions about insurance reimbursement and underinsured patients may be able to receive free medication.

Novartis - Exjade/EPASS Reimbursement System**www.us.exjade.com/patient/getting-exjade.jsp**

(888) 903-7277

Provides access to Exjade through a special distribution system. Other financial/claims assistance may be available.

Ortho Biotech - ProcritLine**www.procritline.com/patientassist/intro.jsp**

(800) 553-3851

Makers of the drugs Procrit and Leustatin offers a patient assistance program and benefit verification program. Additional services available by phone. Forms for patient assistance and benefit verification are available for download.

INSURANCE**Families USA Program Locator****www.familiesusa.org/resources/program-locator**

Includes listings of health insurance assistance programs by state. These programs handle many questions about Medicare, Medicaid and private insurance and may be able to refer you to low-cost or free health care (which may include prescription drug assistance).

Foundation for Health Coverage Education**www.coverageforall.org**

(650) 762-1928

Exists to simplify health insurance eligibility information and help more people get coverage. Site includes eligibility information and links to applications for health coverage programs.

Georgetown University's Health Policy Institute**<http://hpi.georgetown.edu>**

Publishes consumer guides for getting and keeping health insurance for every state. Also includes summaries of the guides and glossaries of terms.

Insure Kids Now**www.insurekidsnow.gov**

(877) 543-7669

Government-run program provides uninsured children with health insurance. In most states, uninsured children under the age of 18 whose families earn up to \$44,500 per year are eligible for free or low cost insurance. Programs vary by state.

Patient Services, Inc. (PSI) www.uneedpsi.org

(800) 366-7741

Offers help to patients with chronic myelogenous leukemia. If you have access to insurance through COBRA, a state-run High Risk Pool, or a private insurance policy, PSI may be able to help you pay your premiums. They also offer assistance covering out-of-pocket costs for medication, medical devices, transportation to treatment and other expenses not covered by insurance.

PATIENT FINANCIAL AID/PATIENT ADVOCACY**PNH Research and Support Foundation****www.pnh.aamds.org/forms/see-specialist**

(800) 747-2820

The PNH Research and Support Foundation help ensure that all PNH patients can see a PNH specialist for the best course of treatment. With demonstrated financial need, it may be able to provide financial aid up to \$3,000 per eligible, U.S.-based PNH patient.

Bone Marrow Foundation (BMF)**www.bonemarrow.org**

(800) 365-1336

Patient aid program provides coverage for many costs associated with bone marrow transplant. Grants are limited to specific institutions, so speak to a hospital social worker or call BMF for more information.

First Hand Foundation**www.firsthandfoundation.org**

(816) 201-1569

Nonprofit foundation established by Cerner Corporation. Assists families of children with health problems address financial aspects of their child's health care.

HelpHOPELive**www.helpholive.org**

(800) 642-8399

Provides small grants, information and support for fundraising and patient awareness.

Leukemia Research Foundation**www.leukemia-research.org/patient/financial.asp**

(888) 558-5385

Provides qualified MDS patients who live in Illinois with financial assistance. The program reimburses almost any treatment-related expense not covered by medical insurance.

Children's Organ Transplant Association (COTA)**www.cota.org**

(800) 366-2682

Provides fundraising assistance for children & young adults needing bone marrow transplants. Also advocates for marrow, organ and tissue donation.

The National Marrow Donor Program/Be the Match Foundation

www.marrow.org

(800) 627-7692 (General Information)

(888) 999-6743 (Office of Patient Advocacy)

Nonprofit organizations dedicated to creating an opportunity for all patients to receive bone marrow or umbilical cord blood transplant when needed.

Patient Advocate Foundation/Equal Access to Health Care

www.patientadvocate.org

(800) 532-5274

Offers personal assistance to patients with MDS. Through a personal case manager, they may be able to help you deal with your insurance company, as well as health-related problems with your employer or creditors.

Social Security Disability Programs www.ssa.gov/disability

(800) 772-1213

Largest of several Federal programs that provide assistance to people with disabilities. You can also speak with your hospital's social worker for additional information.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The Crystal Green/Blood Assurance Memorial Scholarship Program

www.bloodassurance.org

Established scholarship fund for high school students offers twelve one-year scholarships of \$1,500 each.

Federal Student Aid

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Offered by the U.S. Department of Education to ensure that all eligible individuals benefit from federal financial assistance – grants, loans and work-study programs for education beyond high school.

Patient Advocate Foundation – Scholarships

www.patientadvocate.org/events.php?p=69

Provides support to patients seeking to initiate or complete a course of study that has been interrupted or delayed by a diagnosis of cancer or other life-threatening disease.

ScholarshipAmerica

www.scholarshipamerica.org

Developed to help make postsecondary education possible for all students.

Scholarships for Disadvantaged Students

www.bhpr.hrsa.gov/dsa/

Provides scholarships to full-time students from disadvantaged backgrounds enrolled in health professions and nursing programs. Contact student financial aid office at the school where you are, or intend to be, enrolled.

WISH ORGANIZATIONS FOR CHILDREN

Camp Simcha

www.campsimcha.org

(877) 242-4543

Provides free camp and travel to Camp Simcha. Preference is given to children with hematological disorders.

Chef David's Kids

www.chefdavidskids.com

(954) 565-8129

Provides toys for seriously or terminally ill children worldwide.

Children's Hopes and Dreams

www.childrenswishes.org

(706) 482-2248

Makes dreams come true for seriously ill children - from meeting a celebrity to trips to Disney World.

Children's Wish Foundation

www.childrenswish.org

(800) 323-WISH

Provides enrichment programs to terminally ill children and their families.

Dream Factory

www.dreamfactoryinc.com

(800) 456-7556

Grants dreams to children diagnosed with critical or chronic illnesses who are 3 through 18 years of age.

Family Village Library – umbrella site

www.familyvillage.wisc.edu/general/wish-grant-orgs.html

Provides links to numerous wish-granting organizations.

Make a Wish Foundation

www.wish.org

(800) 722-WISH

Makes wishes come true for terminally ill children.

Association of Hole in the Wall Camps

www.holeinthewallcamps.org

(203) 562-1203

Provides free camp stay at Hole in the Wall Camps. Paul Newman founded this nonprofit year-round camping association in 1988.

For more information, contact our HelpLine at help@aamds.org or (800) 747-2820 x 1.