

PATIENT BASIC NEEDS RESOURCES

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AFFORDABLE MEDICAL CARE/ EQUIPMENT

The Bone Marrow and Cancer Foundation

<https://www.bmtinfont.org/>

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Colonoscopy Assist

<https://colonoscopyassist.com/>

<https://colonoscopyassist.com/forms/facility-locator/?source=FacilityLocatorPage> (Texas)

“Colonoscopy Assist is a program that promotes affordable colon cancer screening and is available as a free resource to the public. The following services are provided at affordable pre-negotiated rates: 1.) Colonoscopy (screening or diagnostic); 2.) Upper endoscopy; 3.) Flexible sigmoidoscopy; 4.) Virtual colonoscopy; 5.) Cologuard; 6.) FIT. Financial assistance is available for patients unable to afford the services.” Flat procedure rates all-inclusive and include: 1.) Physician fees; 2.) Facility or hospital fees; 3.) Sedation or anesthesia costs; 4.) Removal of polyps and taking of biopsies; 5.) Pathology costs (lab fees); 6.) Reports from physician and pathology lab.

Patient Services Incorporated (PSI)

<https://www.patientservicesinc.org>

“Patient Services, Inc. continues to provide peace of mind to patients living with specific chronic illnesses by providing financial assistance to eligible persons by: Subsidizing the cost of health insurance premiums; providing pharmacy and treatment copayment assistance; assisting with Medicare Part D co-insurance; providing travel assistance for transportation reimbursement.”

Right Action for Women (RAW)/ Christina Applegate Foundation

<https://www.rightactionforwomen.org/>

“Right Action for Women provides assistance to women who are at increased risk for breast cancer and do not have insurance or the financial flexibility to cover the high costs associated with breast screening.”

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GENERAL

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<http://www.211.org/>

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CANCERCare

<https://www.cancercare.org/helpinghand>

“Find assistance from organizations providing financial or practical help.” Search by diagnosis or zip code, and type of assistance needed. Can also search by specific population (children, teens, young adults).

HOUSING/ LODGING

Airbnb Open Homes Medical Stays

<https://www.airbnb.com/openhomes/medical>

“Offers free temporary housing for cancer and transplant patients and their caregivers.”

American Cancer Society Patient Lodging Programs

<https://www.cancer.org/treatment/support-programs-and-services/patient-lodging.html>

Hope Lodge: “Each Hope Lodge offers cancer patients 18 and older and their caregivers a free place to stay when their best hope for effective treatment may be in another city...accommodations and eligibility requirements may vary by location.”

Hotel Lodging: “The American Cancer Society, in a cooperative effort with hotels across the country, provides overnight accommodations to cancer patients who must travel for outpatient treatment and need assistance with lodging...all accommodations are provided based on eligibility requirements and are subject

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Extended Stay America

<https://www.extendedstayamerica.com/acs-partnership>

“Extended Stay America created Hotel Keys of Hope program to support the American Cancer Society’s Hope Lodge program. They have donated over 120,000 hotel stays in locations throughout the U.S., and helped more than 15,000 patients and their families overcome the financial stress of travelling for treatment.”

Healthcare Hospitality Network (HHN)

<https://www.hhnetwork.org/>

“The Healthcare Hospitality Network, Inc. (HHN) is a nationwide professional association of nearly 200 unique, nonprofit organizations that provide lodging and support services to patients, families and their loved ones who are receiving medical treatment far from their home communities.”

Homeownership Preservation Foundation

<https://995hope.org/cant-make-mortgage-payment/>

Helps homeowners navigate financial challenges and avoid mortgage foreclosure.

Joe’s House

<https://www.joeshouse.org/>

“Website lists thousands of places to stay across the country near hospitals and treatment centers that offer a discount for traveling patients and their loved ones. Users may search for accommodations by city or proximity to a cancer treatment center or hospitals. Works with hotels and other lodging facilities to centralize inventory and provide medical discounts to cancer patients.”

Lazarex Cancer Foundation

<https://lazarex.org/>

*“Helps cancer patients navigate clinical trial options; offers financial assistance (such as **lodging** and transportation costs) for participation in FDA approved clinical trials; provides community outreach and education.”*

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Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/liheap-state-and-territory-contact-listing>

<https://www.acf.hhs.gov/ocs/resource/liheap-fact-sheet-0>

“Purpose: To assist households with low incomes, particularly those with the lowest incomes that pay a high proportion of household income for home energy, primary in meeting their immediate home energy needs.”

Ronald McDonald House Charities

<https://www.rmhc.org/>

“Ronald McDonald Houses provide a home-away-from home for families so they can stay close to their hospitalized child at little or no cost.”

The Sam Fund

<http://www.thesamfund.org/get-help/resources/financial-resources-assistance/temporary-lodging-assistance/>

“Temporary lodging assistance: These organizations may be able to provide you with reduced cost hotel rooms or free places to stay.”

The Women’s Cancer Fund

<https://cancerrecovery.org/programs-for-cancer-recovery/womens-cancer-fund/>

“The Women’s Cancer Fund, Cancer Recovery Foundation’s flagship program, provides rent and utility bill assistance to women who are struggling financially due to their battle with cancer.”

TRAVEL: AIR TRANSPORTATION

The Air Care Alliance

<https://www.aircarealliance.org/>

“Assists all cancer patients, and their caregiver or companion, in air travel to a treatment center far from home. “

Air Charity Network

<http://aircharitynetwork.org/>

“Air Charity Network is a charitable organization that provides access for people in need who are seeking free air transportation to specialized health care facilities or distant destinations due to family, community, or national crisis.”

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<https://www.aamds.org/forms/pnh-patient-travel-assistance-fund>

“The AAMDSIF PNH Patient Travel Assistance Fund is available to U.S. based PNH patients for up to \$500 in travel assistance per patient, per year, to see a PNH specialist or get a second opinion from a PNH specialist. Grantees will be permitted to travel with one companion utilizing funds from the grant.”

Corporate Angel Network

<http://www.corpangelnetwork.org/#/home>

“Sole mission is to transport cancer patients to the hospital that which they need to be in order to receive a specialize form of treatment.... Pair empty seats—on both private and corporate planes—with qualified patients who need the rides—at no cost.”

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS)

<https://www.lls.org/support/other-helpful-organizations/financial-resources/transportation-air>

“No-cost air transportation to patients who need it.”

LifeLine Pilots

<https://lifelinepilots.org>

“LifeLine Pilots facilitates FREE transportation for such medical needs as on-going medical treatments, diagnosis, and follow-up care.”

Mercy Medical Angels

<http://mercymedical.org>

“We provide transportation on the ground and in the air to clinical care for those in need.”

Patient Air Travel Center

<http://patienttravel.org/>

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Wings of Hope

<https://wingsofhope.ngo/>

“Provides medical air transport services, free of charge, to individuals who need specialized medical care that is not available to them locally. Using aircraft specially outfitted with stretchers to accommodate fragile and non-ambulatory patients, we fly individuals to hospitals and treatment centers in 26 states within a 600-mile radius of our St. Louis headquarters.”

TRAVEL: GROUND TRANSPORTATION

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American Cancer Society Road to Recovery

<https://www.cancer.org/treatment/support-programs-and-services/patient-transportation.html>

“Transportation shouldn’t be a roadblock to cancer treatment. Even with help from family and friends, sometimes patients have trouble getting every ride they need. We’re here to help. We have several transportation assistance programs all across the country and can connect you to the best option for your situation.”

Angel Wheels™

<https://angelwheels.org/>

“Angel Wheels™ is a non-profit charity, dedicated to providing non-emergency, long-distance ground transportation to financially disadvantaged, ambulatory patients who are traveling for treatment. Angel Wheels to Healing utilizes the following resources for assisting patients: Gas cards (provided to help offset fuel cost for patients), bus tickets (Greyhound, Trailways, etc.), train tickets (Amtrak).”

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Links to organizations who provide ground transportation.

Mercy Medical Angels

<http://mercymedical.org>

“We provide transportation on the ground and in the air to clinical care for those in need... The Angel Wheels ground transportation program may provide low-income patients with gas cards, bus or train tickets for medical care more than 50 miles away and generally not exceeding 300 miles.”

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