



THE MDS FOUNDATION'S
GUIDE TO ASSISTANCE
PROGRAMS
IN THE UNITED STATES

Assistance programs

We have assembled a listing of **assistance programs available to MDS patients**. It is important to know that there is support for those who cannot afford medicine or other healthcare costs. We hope this new resource will be beneficial in helping you with your medical needs.

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GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE

MEDICAID – PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM:

(877) 267-2323

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

www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/prescription-drugs/index.html

MEDICARE – PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAM:

(877) 267-2323

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

www.medicare.gov

MEDICARE RIGHTS CENTER: (800) 333-4114

For help with Medicare questions, counselors are available to answer your questions about insurance choices, Medicare rights and protections, payment denials and appeals, complaints about care or treatment, and Medicare bills.

www.medicarerights.org

MY MEDICARE MATTERS: (800) 626-3112

People who are eligible for Medicare have to make important choices about the coverage that will best meet their health and financial needs. My Medicare Matters is designed to make it easier for people with Medicare (and those planning for Medicare) to make informed and confident choices about their health coverage and to make the most of that coverage.

www.nationwide.mymedicarematters.org

NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR AGING CARE: www.ncoa.org

The NCOA connects seniors, families, and caretakers with the information and professional support they need to make the best decision for their physical, emotional, and financial well-being. Their network of experts helps ensure your home evolves to best accommodate your changing budget, mobility, and health.

SOCIAL SECURITY DISABILITY PROGRAM: (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.

www.ssa.gov/disability

VETERANS AFFAIRS CAREGIVER AND VETERAN SUPPORT: (855) 260-3274

The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) offers a number of resources for caregivers and veterans. In addition, the VA has created a Caregiver Tool Box to help you find tools that work for your veteran.

www.caregiver.va.gov

CO-PAY AND MEDICATION ASSISTANCE

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY: (800) 227-2345

The American Cancer Society has numerous support programs for patients and families including 30 Hope Lodges located throughout the U.S. that offer a free place to stay during treatment and the Road to Recovery Program which connects patients to volunteers who provide free rides to medical appointments.

<http://www.cancer.org>

ASSISTANCE FUND: (855) 845-3663

Provides financial support to chronically ill patients with high-cost medications.

<https://enroll.tafcares.org>

BONE MARROW & CANCER FOUNDATION: (800) 365-1336

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 BMCF for more information.

www.bonemarrow.org

BMT INFONET: (888) 597-7674

The BMT InfoNet Patient Assistance Fund assists patients and caregivers with living expenses during treatment.

www.bmtinfonet.org/patient-assistance-fund-request-form

CANCERCARE: (800) 813-4673

Organization providing free professional support services and information to help people manage the emotional, practical, and financial challenges of cancer.

www.cancercare.org

CANCERCARE – PET ASSISTANCE & WELLNESS (PAW) PROGRAM: (800) 813-4673

CancerCare offers the Pet Assistance & Wellness Program (PAW) to address the distinct needs of people with cancer who share their home with a cat or dog.

www.cancercare.org/paw

CANCER IN THE FAMILY RELIEF FUND:

www.cancerfamilyrelieffund.org

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 SUPPORT COMMUNITY/AIRBNB – GILDA'S CLUB: (888) 793-9355

Partnership between Airbnb and Cancer Support Community to provide free housing for cancer patients and caregivers, provided they meet certain geographic and income criteria.

www.cancersupportcommunity.org/share-your-home-patients-traveling-treatment

CERNER CHARITABLE FOUNDATION: (816) 201-1569

Assists families of children with health problems address financial aspects of their child's healthcare.

www.cernercharitablefoundation.org

**CHILDREN'S ORGAN TRANSPLANT ASSOCIATION (COTA):
(800) 366-2682**

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

www.cota.org

FAMILY REACH: (973) 394-1411

Organization dedicated to removing the financial barriers standing between a cancer patient and their treatment. Loss of income, out-of-pocket expenses, and socioeconomic factors create disparities in the financial burdens families face. Family Reach delivers financial education, financial coaching, resource navigation, and emergency relief funds to patients and caregivers facing a cancer diagnosis so no family has to choose between their health and their home.

www.familyreach.org

GOOD DAYS: (877) 968-7233

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

www.mygooddays.org

HEALTHWELL FOUNDATION: (800) 675-8416

The HealthWell Foundation provides financial assistance to eligible individuals to cover co-insurance, co-payments, healthcare premiums and deductibles for certain medications and therapies. They have a pediatric assistance fund regardless of disease and an Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML) fund.

www.healthwellfoundation.org

HelpHOPELive: (800) 642-8399

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

www.helphopelive.org

JULIA'S WINGS: (860) 355-3653

This organization provides assistance to families of children with life threatening hematological diseases.

www.juliaswings.org

LEUKEMIA & LYMPHOMA SOCIETY (LLS) CO-PAY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: (877) 557-2672

Provides assistance toward the cost of Private, Medicare, Medicaid, and TRICARE insurance premiums, and treatment-related co-pays and co-insurance for prescription drugs, labs, scans, tests, etc.

www.LLS.org/co-pay (for English) or **www.LLS.org/copagos** (for Spanish).

For other LLS Patient Financial Assistance Programs, visit

www.LLS.org/finances

LEUKEMIA RESEARCH FOUNDATION: (847) 424-0600

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

www.allbloodcancers.org/our-programs

**NATIONAL COMPREHENSIVE CANCER NETWORK (NCCN):
(215) 690-0300**

NCCN maintains a list of patient and caregiver resources in its Virtual Reimbursement Resource Room Guide. Visitors to the site can search by cancer type, drug name or reimbursement program to find corresponding resources.

www.nccn.org/business-policy/business/virtual-reimbursement-resource-room-and-app

BE THE MATCH FOUNDATION: (888) 999-6743

Be the Match Patient Support Center is dedicated to creating an opportunity for all patients to receive bone marrow or umbilical cord blood transplants when needed.

www.bethematch.org

**NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF RARE DISORDERS (NORD)
– MEDICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: (800) 999-6673**

NORD helps patients and their families learn about rare diseases, access helpful resources, and become empowered partners with their medical providers.

www.rarediseases.org/for-patients-and-families

NEEDY MEDS: (800) 503-6897

A resource offering information on assistance programs from more than 400 companies with programs offering more than 4,000 different drugs and formulations. Website visitors can obtain drug discount cards, coupons and rebates, as well as find local and national financial resources based on diagnosis.

www.needymeds.org

PATIENT ADVOCATE FOUNDATION CO-PAY RELIEF PROGRAM:

(866) 512-3861

This program provides direct co-payment assistance for pharmaceutical products and assistance with medical insurance premiums to insured Americans who financially and medically qualify.

www.copays.org

PATIENT ACCESS NETWORK (PAN) FOUNDATION:

(800) 394-0161

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.

www.panfoundation.org

TRIAGE CANCER: (424) 258.4628

Triage Cancer offers an online tool called Cancer Finances to help guide you through some key topics that may impact your financial situation. Whether you are newly diagnosed, or many years past active treatment, this site can help you navigate finances after cancer.

www.triagecancer.org/financial

SPECIALTY PHARMACIES THAT CARRY MDS MEDICATIONS

ACCREDO SPECIALTY PHARMACY: 844-682-5152

Offers specialized care and support for patients. Their clinical, educational and reimbursement services are tailored to meet each patient's needs. They will even help untangle your insurance coverage.
www.accredo.com

BIOPLUS: (866) 514-8082

This is a free service to assist patients in obtaining medicines. This service also works with various prescription funding programs, pharmaceutical manufacturers, and other resources to find financial assistance for patients.
www.bioplusrx.com

OPTION CARE HEALTH: (844) 624.4584

Your complete source for effective specialty pharmacy solutions, from personalized patient support services to medication management programs for health plans.
www.optioncarehealth.com

AMERISOURCEBERGEN – US BIOSERVICES: (877) 263-7089

Delivers nationwide specialty pharmacy and nursing services that meet the unique needs of patients.
www.usbioservices.com

PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

AMGEN FIRST STEP PROGRAM: (888)-427-7478

The Amgen FIRST STEP Program helps eligible commercially insured patients pay for their out-of-pocket prescription costs, including deductible, co-insurance, and co-payment.

www.amgenfirststep.com

BRISTOL MYERS SQUIBB ACCESS SUPPORT PROGRAM: (800) 861-0048

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.

www.BMSAccessSupport.com

GENENTECH ONCOLOGY CO-PAY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: (855) 692-6729

If you have commercial health insurance and meet other eligibility criteria, the Genentech Oncology® Co-pay Assistance Program may be able to help you pay for your medicine. With this program, you pay as little as \$5 per prescription for VENCLEXTA + azacitidine, or VENCLEXTA + decitabine, or VENCLEXTA + low-dose cytarabine, up to a \$25,000 yearly limit.

www.venclexta.com/aml/resources-and-support/financial-and-treatment-support

INCYTECARES: (855) 452-5234

Program designed to offer ongoing support and resources during treatment with Jakafi.

www.incytecares.com/oncology-hematology/jakafi/home.aspx

JANSSEN CAREPATH – PROCRI: (877) 227-3728

Janssen CarePath helps verify insurance coverage for your patients, provides reimbursement information, helps find financial assistance options for eligible patients, and provides ongoing support to help patients start and stay on prescribed Janssen medications.

www.janssencarepath.com/hcp/procrit

TAIHO ONCOLOGY PATIENT SUPPORT: (844) 824-4648

Helps patients obtain access to Taiho Oncology medicines, including INQOVI. This includes insurance verification, help with medication costs, and treatment plan support.

www.TaihoPatientSupport.com

NOVARTIS PATIENT ASSISTANCE FOUNDATION: **(888) 669-6682**

The Novartis Patient Assistance Foundation, Inc. (NPAF) is committed to providing access to Jadenu for those most in need. If you are experiencing financial hardship and have limited or no prescription coverage, then you may be eligible to receive Novartis medications for free.

www.novartis.us/our-products/patient-assistance

PARTNER THERAPEUTICS – LEUKINE REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM: (888) 479-5385

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.

www.leukine.com/patient-assistance

LODGING AND TRAVEL ASSISTANCE

AIR CARE ALLIANCE: (888) 260-9707

Links patients with numerous free flight programs.

www.aircareall.org

AIR CHARITY NETWORK: (877) 621-7177

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

www.aircharitynetwork.org

ALONG COMES HOPE: (805) 322-1423

Provides support for the families of children with cancer, through financial assistance with travel for treatment, creative emotional support programs, and advocacy to promote policy changes, awareness, and education.

www.alongcomeshope.com

AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY'S HOPE LODGE:

(800) 227-2345

The American Cancer Society's Hope Lodge gives people with cancer and their caregivers a free place to stay while receiving treatment in another city. Currently, there are 30 Hope Lodge locations throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

www.cancer.org/treatment/support-programs-and-services/patient-lodging/hope-lodge.html

ANGEL FLIGHT AMERICA: (918) 749-8992

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

www.angelflight.com

ANGEL FLIGHT EAST: (215) 358-1900

Provides free air transportation to qualified patients and their families by arranging flights to distant medical facilities, and reuniting families during desperate times.

www.angelflighteast.org

CORPORATE ANGEL NETWORK: (914) 328-1313

Arranges free air transportation for people with cancer traveling to treatment using empty seats on private and corporate jets.

www.corpangelnetwork.org

FISHER HOUSE FOUNDATION: (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.

www.fisherhouse.org

HEALTHCARE HOSPITALITY NETWORK: (800) 542-9730

Association of more than 200 nonprofit organizations that provide lodging and support services to patients, families, and their loved ones who are receiving medical treatment away from home.

www.hhnetwork.org/find-lodging#

JOE'S HOUSE: 877-563-7468

Joe's House is a nonprofit organization providing a nation-wide online service that helps people with cancer and their families find a place to stay when traveling away from home for medical treatment.

www.joeshouse.org

LIFELINE PILOTS: (800) 822-7972

Facilitates free air transportation through volunteer pilots for financially distressed passengers with medical and humanitarian needs.

www.lifelinepilots.org

MERCY MEDICAL ANGELS: (888) 675-1405

Referral service that connects patients to free flights.

www.mercymedical.org

MIRACLE FLIGHTS: (800) 359-1711

Miracle Flights flies individuals and families to treatment, second opinions, follow-up visits and clinical trials within the United States.

www.miracleflights.org

RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE: (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.

www.rmhc.org



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