



HOW TO APPLY FOR THE PATIENT FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society offers financial assistance to people with leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma, myelodysplastic syndromes (MDS) or other blood cancers who are in need. The Society provides eligible patients with up to \$500 per year to help offset the costs of cancer treatment. The Patient Financial Aid Program is available through the Society's 64 Chapters nationwide.

THIS BROCHURE EXPLAINS:

- **Who should apply**
- **How to apply**
- **Covered expenses**
- **How you will get reimbursed**

Please contact your local Chapter if you need help completing the application. You can find the name and number of your Chapter by calling (800) 955-4572 or visiting www.LLS.org, and clicking on "Chapter Finder."

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Any U.S. resident undergoing treatment for leukemia, lymphoma, myeloma, MDS or another blood cancer may apply for financial aid. If you are a member of the U.S. military serving abroad, and you or your family are being treated in your current country of residence, you are eligible to apply.

HOW TO APPLY

If you or a loved one want to receive financial aid from the Society, please follow these steps.

Step 1	A	You may have received an application with this brochure. If you did not receive it, contact your local Chapter to request a Patient Financial Aid Application form. This one-page application form is available in English and Spanish. You can also get the application form online at: www.LLS.org/PSAid (for English) and www.LLS.org/PSAidSp (for Spanish).
	B	Complete and sign your part of the application.
	C	Ask your doctor, nurse or social worker to fill out and sign the box at the bottom of the form. Signatures must be original - stamps, photocopies or initials cannot be accepted.
	D	Drop off, mail or fax your application to your local Chapter. You can find your local Chapter by calling (800) 955-4572 or visiting www.LLS.org and clicking on "Chapter Finder." If you choose to fax your form, you will still need to mail your Chapter a hard copy with the original signatures.
	E	Chapter staff will contact you about your application within 7 business days.

After your application is accepted

Step 2	You may submit reimbursement requests for expenses not covered by your insurance to your Chapter after your application is accepted. Your Chapter will give you the "Request for Reimbursement" form to send in with your receipts. Remember to <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Save all your receipts• Send the original receipts in with your forms• Keep copies for your records• Tell your Chapter if your address or phone number changes.
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COVERED EXPENSES

The program will reimburse you up to \$500 per year for costs related to your cancer treatment that are not covered by your insurance, including:

- Chemotherapy, radiation therapy and most medications used to treat your cancer (check with your Chapter about specific drugs)
- Blood and marrow lab tests
- Blood transfusion
- Co-pays and deductibles incurred for cancer treatments
- Transportation to and from the doctor's office, treatment center, hospital, clinic and support groups
- Reimbursable travel expenses, including mileage (\$.05 per mile), airline tickets, public transportation, parking fees, and tolls.

Ask your Chapter if you are not sure whether an expense is covered by the program.

HOW WILL YOU GET REIMBURSED?

In order to be reimbursed for treatment-related expenses, you must apply to be enrolled in the program. The opposite page describes how to apply. Then,

- Fill out the "Request for Reimbursement" form
- Have your healthcare provider or support group facilitator sign the form
- Submit the completed form with your original receipts to your local Chapter.

Payments will be mailed directly to you. Payments are generally mailed within 2-3 weeks after all needed information is received.

THE REIMBURSEMENT PERIOD

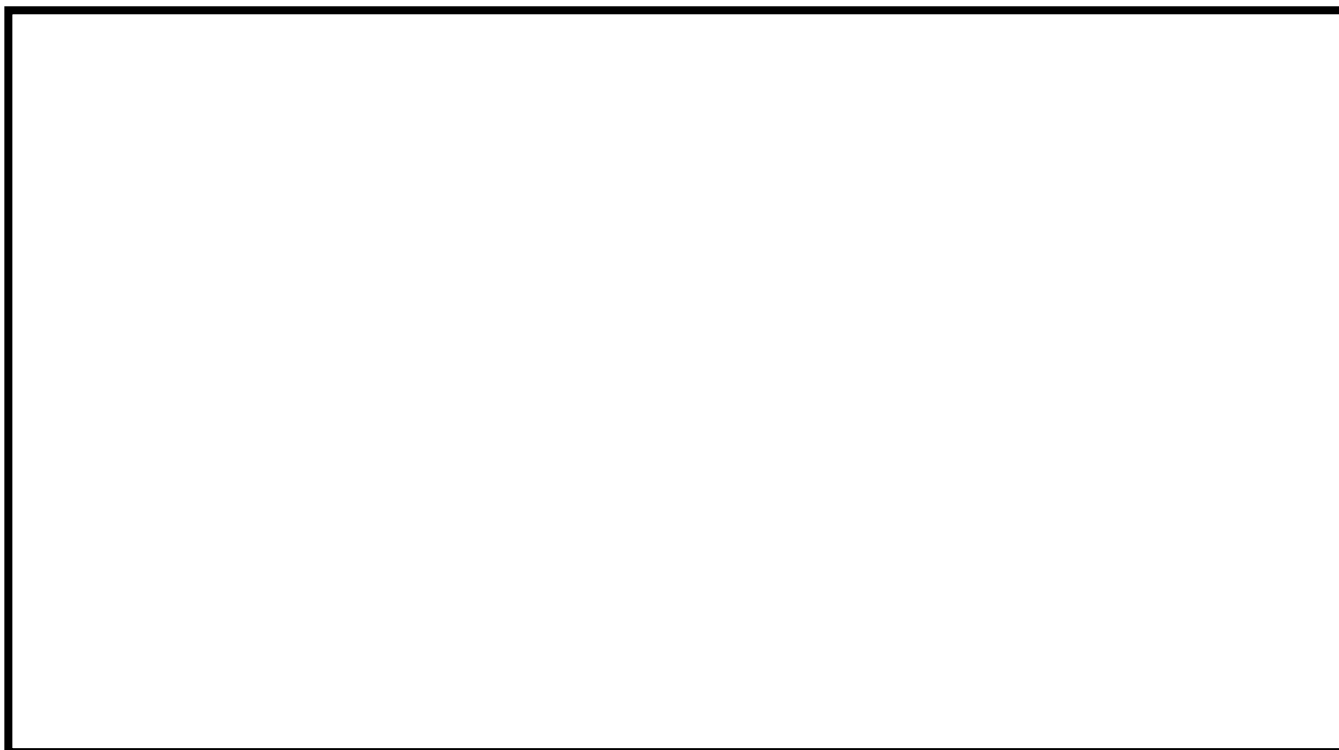
- The Patient Financial Aid Program begins each July 1 and ends each June 30.
- You must have been enrolled in the program before June 30 in order to submit your expenses for the prior 12 month-period.
- Any requests for reimbursement of expenses that you had from July 1 to June 30 should be submitted by June 30.
- Your enrollment in the program will continue for the next year if you still have financial need and continue to undergo treatment.
- If you miss the June 30 deadline, you may still submit receipts for expenses incurred between April 1 and June 30. These expenses may be submitted until September 30 of the next plan year – these expenses will be paid out of the \$500 for the new plan year.
- All reimbursement is based on Patient Financial Aid Fund availability.

If you have any questions about whether an expense is reimbursable or how to fill out the application or reimbursement forms, please call your local Chapter for assistance.

THE SOCIETY IS HERE FOR YOU

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society is the world's largest voluntary health organization dedicated to funding blood cancer research, education and patient services. The Society's mission: Cure leukemia, lymphoma, Hodgkin's disease and myeloma, and improve the quality of life of patients and their families. Information Specialists at the Society's Information Resource Center do clinical trial (research study) searches for patients, family members and healthcare professionals. This free service is available by calling (800) 955-4572 or on the Society's Web site, www.LLS.org.

Contact for more information:



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