

## About The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Co-Pay Assistance Program

The Co-Pay program offers assistance to patients in meeting their private insurance or Medicare premiums and co-pay obligations for prescription medications and allowable treatment costs.

# Support for this program is based on the availability of funds by disease diagnosis. Payment amounts are subject to adjustment at any time based on the availability of funding.

## Some frequent questions asked about the Co-Pay Assistance Program...

## > What are the requirements for the program?

To be eligible for Co-Pay Assistance, you must

- Have a household income that is at or below 500 percent of the U.S. federal poverty guidelines as adjusted by the Cost of Living Index (COLI). (*These guidelines are available on the Co-Pay website*, <u>www.lls.org.copay</u>.)
- Be a United States citizen or permanent resident of the U.S. or Puerto Rico and be medically and financially qualified
- Have prescription insurance coverage
- Have an LLS Co-Pay Assistance Program-covered blood cancer diagnosis confirmed by a doctor.

## > What diagnoses are funded by the program?

Co-Pay Assistance funds are currently available for the following diagnoses:

- Acute lymphoblastic leukemia assistance is available up to \$5,000 (for applicants approved on or after 10/12/15)
- **Chronic lymphocytic leukemia** assistance is available up to \$2,500 (for applicants approved on or after 1/1/14)
- Chronic myeloid leukemia fully subscribed and currently not accepting new applications
- Lymphoma (Hodgkin and non-Hodgkin) assistance is available up to \$2,500 (for applicants approved on or after 1/1/14)
- **Mantle cell lymphoma** assistance is available up to \$5,000 (for applicants approved on or after 12/13/13)
- Myelodysplastic syndromes assistance is available up to \$5,000
- **Myeloma** assistance is available up to \$10,000
- Waldenström macroglobulinemia assistance is available up to \$5,000 (for applicants approved on or after 5/11/15)

*This list is subject to change, current information about available funding is located on the Co-Pay website,* www.lls.org/copay.

## > Can I apply for the Co-Pay Program online?

Yes, a quick registration process allows patients and caregivers to easily submit Co-Pay applications within minutes, day or night <u>www.lls.org/copaypatients</u>.

## > Can my doctor's office apply for me?

Yes, your doctor, treatment provider or pharmacy can apply for the program on your behalf either by calling the toll free number 877-557-2672 or they can submit an application online 24 hours a day. <u>www.lls.org/copayproviders</u>



## > How do I know if I am approved in the program?

All applicants will receive a "Determination" letter approximately 7-10 business days after the application is received in the Co-Pay Program. Approved patients will be sent a Letter of Approval with directions on how to request assistance from the program.

## > How much of the patient's bill will the Co-Pay Assistance program cover?

The Co-Pay Assistance program can provide benefits for up to the maximum assistance amount per coverage period for approved charges: private/public insurance or Medicare premiums or co-pay obligations for approved prescription medications.

- If a patient does not have insurance can I bill the Co-Pay Assistance program? No, the Co-Pay Assistance Program is not an insurance or prescription coverage plan, it is a program designed to help insured patients meet their co-payment and or insurance premium obligations. Patients must have prescription insurance to qualify for this program.
- > Can I get assistance for my prescribed devices and blood work?

Unfortunately no, prescribed devices such as eyeglasses, wheelchairs, etc., and diagnostic procedures such as: PET/CT/MRI scans, X-rays, Laboratory services including blood work, biopsies, etc., are not covered in this program.

## > Can I submit bills for previous years?

No, the Co-Pay Assistance program is based on a 12 month coverage period. Only services that occurred during the coverage period are eligible for assistance. *For example*, a coverage period began 07/01/09 and ended on 06/30/10.

## > What if I change my doctor or pharmacy?

Patients enrolled in the Co-Pay Assistance Program have complete freedom to choose doctors, providers, suppliers, insurance companies and/or treatment related medications. Patients are free at any time to make changes in any of the above without affecting their continued eligibility.

## > Is the assistance I receive from the Co-Pay Assistance program taxable?

Expense reimbursements received by patients from the LLS Co-Pay Assistance Program are generally not taxable. However, we recommend patients consult with a tax professional for a final determination.

## > I'm not sure if I qualify for the Co-Pay Assistance Program. How can I get more information?

To apply or obtain more information about the Co-Pay Assistance Program, please call 1-877-557-2672 to speak with a Co-Pay Specialist who will provide personalized service through the application process. You may also email your request for a Co-Pay Specialist to contact you regarding the program at <u>copay@lls.org</u>.

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