

## Obtaining financial assistance

Financial assistance with breast cancer treatment for patients who are uninsured or underinsured can be difficult to obtain. Finding assistance with expenses and/or treatment will require resourcefulness, perseverance and patience. By being creative and organized, you should be able to find some amount of help. Here are some possible resources to get you started:

- Start at the hospital where you are receiving your care. Speak with a financial counselor at the hospital and describe your situation. Often, a payment schedule can be arranged. Inform the counselor of the steps you are taking to gain assistance, and remain in contact with this counselor as the process moves forward. Keep a record of each conversation, the date and topics discussed.
- Speak with your hospital social worker. This person will help you initiate the process of obtaining insurance coverage, Medicaid, public assistance, food stamps, Social Security and other benefits for which you may be eligible. This professional should also be knowledgeable about local community organizations that provide financial assistance. Be assertive and prepare questions in advance.
- Public assistance, such as Medicaid, may be available if you are ineligible for other programs. Call your local Department of Social Services or the Department of Public Welfare for information on public assistance programs.
- You may be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and/or Social Security benefits. While receiving SSI, you could also be eligible for food stamps and Medicaid. For information, and to set up a time to speak with a representative who can help you get started, ask your hospital social worker or contact the Social Security Administration at [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov) or (800) 772-1213.
- Some states sell health insurance to people with serious medical conditions who cannot find insurance elsewhere. Contact your State Department of Insurance or State Department of Health to see if your state has a program for the “hard to insure.”
- The Hill-Burton Program may provide you with some assistance. This is a federal program that requires participating hospitals and other healthcare facilities to provide a certain amount of free care or reduced-fee care to people unable to pay. This program is not available at all hospitals, and each hospital determines what type of care is made available. Contact your hospital or the Hill-Burton Program, at (800) 638-0742 or [www.hrsa.gov/hillburton/default.htm](http://www.hrsa.gov/hillburton/default.htm)
- The American Cancer Society office in your area can provide information on local sources of financial assistance. To reach your local ACS office, contact the national office at (800) ACS-2345.
- Some pharmaceutical companies have patient assistance programs that provide necessary drugs to people who cannot afford them. Most of these programs can be accessed only through your doctor. However, you may be able to expedite the process and, in some cases, apply directly by having information sent to you. NeedyMeds, Inc. ([www.needymeds.com](http://www.needymeds.com)) is a non-profit organization with the mission of helping people who can't afford to pay for their medications. See listing of patient assistance programs on page 102. If you cannot find a program for a particular drug or drug company, your doctor, nurse or social worker may know of other assistance programs.

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- Some organizations offer limited financial assistance for co-payments, transportation or other related costs. The Patient Advocate Foundation Co-Pay Relief (CPR) provides direct financial assistance to qualified patients, assisting them with prescription drug co-payments their insurance requires. Contact the CPR program at [www.copays.org](http://www.copays.org) or (866) 512-3861. The CancerCare, Inc. AVONCares program provides limited financial assistance for homecare, childcare and transportation. Their Linking A.R.M.S.™ program provides limited financial assistance for hormonal and oral chemotherapy, pain and anti-nausea medication, lymphedema supplies and durable medical equipment. Contact CancerCare, Inc. at [www.cancercares.org](http://www.cancercares.org) or (800) 813-HOPE (4673).
- The United Way has programs to assist those in need. Contact [www.unitedway.org](http://www.unitedway.org) or call your local United Way office.

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## National financial assistance

American Breast Cancer Foundation  
 1220-B East Joppa Rd, Suite 332  
 Baltimore, MD 21286  
 (877) KEY-2-LIFE (539-2543)  
 (410) 825-9388  
[contact@abcf.org](mailto:contact@abcf.org)  
[www.abcf.org](http://www.abcf.org)

Provides early detection education and screening services for those in need. ABCF also assists with financial support for chemotherapy or medications when no other resources are available and provides wigs, prosthesis and lymphedema garments to those without the resources to obtain them.

American Cancer Society (ACS)  
 National Headquarters  
 1599 Clifton Road  
 Atlanta, GA 30329  
 (800) ACS-2345  
[www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)

A national, community-based organization that provides information and referrals to numerous education, community and patient support services including medical insurance and financial assistance resources.

Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP)  
 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
 National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion Division of Cancer Prevention and Control  
 Mail Stop K-64  
 4770 Buford Highway, NE  
 Atlanta, GA 30341-3717  
 (800) CDC-INFO (232-4636)  
[cdcinfo@cdc.gov](mailto:cdcinfo@cdc.gov)  
[www.cdc.gov/cancer](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer)

Federally funded program for low-income U.S. residents, meeting additional program eligibility requirements, who have breast and/or cervical cancer to enroll at a doctor's office to get no-cost cancer treatment coverage as soon as possible after they have been diagnosed.

CancerCare, Inc.  
275 Seventh Avenue  
New York, NY 10001  
(800) 813-4673  
(212) 712-8080  
[info@cancercares.org](mailto:info@cancercares.org)  
[www.cancercares.org](http://www.cancercares.org)

National non-profit organization that provides free professional support services to anyone affected by cancer, including those living with cancer, family, friends and the bereaved. CancerCare programs, including counseling, education, financial assistance and practical help are provided by trained oncology social workers free of charge.

Cover the Uninsured  
(202) 572-2928  
[info@covertheuninsured.org](mailto:info@covertheuninsured.org)  
[www.covertheuninsured.org](http://www.covertheuninsured.org)

Founded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Cover the Uninsured Week is dedicated to the millions of Americans living without health insurance. The website contains insurance and medical coverage resources, facts and ways to get involved.

Financial Resources for People with Cancer  
(National Cancer Institute, 2006)  
[www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/support/financial-assistance](http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/support/financial-assistance)

Comprehensive listing of government agencies, organizations and programs that are designed to provide assistance for cancer patients and their families.

The First Mile Foundation  
[www.thefirstmile.org/charities.html](http://www.thefirstmile.org/charities.html)

The goal of the Foundation is to provide financial support to families and individuals in order to alleviate the added everyday stresses associated with cancer as well as an educational resource to help people lower their risk of cancer.

Hill-Burton Program  
(800) 638-0742  
(800) 492-0359 (in Maryland)  
[www.hrsa.gov/hillburton/default.htm](http://www.hrsa.gov/hillburton/default.htm)

The Hill-Burton Program provided federal funds to hospitals. Under this program, about 300 health care facilities nationwide are obligated to provide free or low-cost services for those unable to pay for medical care. Eligibility is based on income and family size.

Making Memories Breast Cancer Foundation  
12708 SE Stephens Street  
Portland, OR 97233  
(503) 829-4486  
[www.makingmemories.org](http://www.makingmemories.org)

Provides an opportunity for metastatic breast cancer patients to fulfill a dream or wish.

NeedyMeds, Inc.  
120 Western Avenue  
Gloucester, MA 01930  
[info@needymeds.com](mailto:info@needymeds.com)  
[www.needymeds.com](http://www.needymeds.com)

This comprehensive website provides links to pharmaceutical companies and other organizations that have patient assistance programs.

Partnership for Prescription Assistance  
(888) 477-2669  
[www.pparx.org](http://www.pparx.org)

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance brings together pharmaceutical companies, doctors, other health care providers, patient advocacy organizations and community groups to help patients who lack prescription coverage get the medicines they need.

Patient Access Network Foundation  
PO Box 221858  
Charlotte, NC 28222-1858  
(866) 316-7263  
[contact@patientaccessnetwork.org](mailto:contact@patientaccessnetwork.org)  
[www.patientaccessnetwork.org](http://www.patientaccessnetwork.org)

PANF is dedicated to assisting insured patients who cannot afford the out-of-pocket expenses associated with their treatment.

Patient Advocate Foundation  
700 Thimble Shoals Blvd, Suite 200  
Newport News, VA 23606  
(800) 532-5274  
[help@patientadvocate.org](mailto:help@patientadvocate.org)  
[www.patientadvocate.org](http://www.patientadvocate.org)

Patient Advocate Foundation provides professional case management services to Americans with chronic, life threatening and debilitating illnesses. PAF case managers serve as active liaisons between the patient and their insurer, employer and/or creditors to resolve insurance, job retention and/or debt crisis matters as they relate to their diagnosis. This website also has a state by state financial resource guide which provides information for seeking financial assistance for a broad range of needs.

Sensational in Survival  
277 Alexander Street, Suite 208  
Rochester, NY 14607  
(585) 586-5680  
[contact@sensationalin survival.org](mailto:contact@sensationalin survival.org)  
[www.sensationalinsurvival.org](http://www.sensationalinsurvival.org)

Committed to improving the quality of life for those battling breast cancer by providing financial assistance in the form of grants during treatment to those in need.

Together Rx Access  
PO Box 9426  
Wilmington, DE 19809-9944  
(800) 444-4106  
[www.togetherrxaccess.com](http://www.togetherrxaccess.com)

Free prescription savings card for eligible U.S. and Puerto Rico residents who have no prescription drug coverage, are not eligible for Medicare, and meet certain income guidelines. Most cardholders save 25%-40% on brand name prescription drugs and products.

United Way of America  
701 North Fairfax Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
[www.unitedway.org](http://www.unitedway.org)

National network of more than 1,300 locally governed organizations that work to create lasting positive changes in communities and people's lives. While local United Ways tackle issues based on local needs, common focus areas include helping children and youth succeed, improving access to health care, promoting self-sufficiency and strengthening families.

## State and local diagnosis and treatment financial assistance programs

Below is a list of financial resources that operate on a local or statewide level. This listing is not exhaustive and additional options may be available. The first resource listed for each state is the contact information and eligibility requirements for the National Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (NBCCEDP), which was established by Congress in 1991 to help low-income, uninsured, and underserved women gain access to detection of and treatment for breast and cervical cancers. The program operates in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, 4 U.S. Territories, and 13 tribes and tribal organizations. Unfortunately, states are only required to serve women 50 and over, *however*, some states have supplemental programs for women of any age. Often contacting the NBCCEDP office in your state will yield information about other resources in the area that work in conjunction with the program even if the program itself does not serve young women.

### Alabama

Breast and Cervical Cancer Early  
Detection Program  
Bureau of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease  
Alabama Department of Public Health  
PO Box 303017  
Montgomery, AL 36130-3017  
(334) 206-5547  
For women 40 and over; or under 40 if symptomatic  
of breast cancer.

### Alaska

Breast and Cervical Cancer  
Early Detection Program  
Division of Public Health  
Alaska Department of Health and Social Services  
Section of Maternal Child and Family Health  
PO Box 240249  
Anchorage, AK 99524-0249  
(907) 269-3491  
Serves women 18-64 years old and includes breast  
screening and diagnosis.

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Financial, Insurance and  
Legal Resources

## Arizona

Well Woman Healthcheck Program  
Office of Nutrition and Chronic Disease  
Prevention Services

Arizona Department of Health Services  
150 North 18th Avenue, Suite 310  
Phoenix, AZ 85007  
(602) 542-1001

Diagnostic testing available to women of all ages with breast problems. Eligibility requirements include (but are not limited to) those under/uninsured and at least 100-200% below the poverty line.

San Juan Medical Foundation  
710 South Lake

Farmington, NM 87401  
(505) 324-2274  
(505) 324-6813

[www.sanjuanregional.com](http://www.sanjuanregional.com)

Community-based organization committed to the future of healthy people throughout the Four Corners Region of New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and Utah.

## Arkansas

BreastCare Program  
Arkansas Department of Health  
4815 West Markham Street, Slot 11  
Little Rock, AR 72205  
(501) 661-2000  
(877) 670-2273

[www.arbreastcare.com/core.html](http://www.arbreastcare.com/core.html)

Serves women 40 and over. For information regarding options and referral for women under 40, contact the following programs: Encore (888) 663-3914; Arkansas ACCESS Healthcare (800) 950-8233; Witness Project (501) 686-6000.

## California

Cancer Detection Programs:  
Every Woman Counts  
Cancer Detection Section  
California Department of Health Services  
MS-7203  
PO Box 997413  
Sacramento, CA 95899-7413  
(916) 449-5300

Serves women 40 and over. Every Woman Counts is connected with several additional state and private cancer programs and offers screening and diagnostic referrals to women under 40.

California Health Collaborative  
Care Coordination and Navigation  
1625 East Shaw Avenue, Suite 155  
Fresno, CA 93710  
(888) 921-7465  
(559) 244-4526  
[chenderson@healthcollaborative.org](mailto:chenderson@healthcollaborative.org)  
[www.healthcollaborative.org](http://www.healthcollaborative.org)

No-cost assistance for support and resources for breast and cervical cancer patients who are low income, uninsured, or under-insured. Requires a doctor's referral. Some of the benefits include finding ways to pay for treatment, locating transportation to medical appointments, making one-time utilities or housekeeping payments, help obtaining personal items like wigs, finding financial assistance for childcare and providing interpretation and advocacy services via conference calling.

Community Breast Health Project

545 Bryant Street  
Palo Alto, CA 94301  
(650) 326-6686  
(650) 326-6673  
[info@cbhp.org](mailto:info@cbhp.org)  
[www.cbhp.org](http://www.cbhp.org)

Provides free diagnoses for women under 40 who have symptoms and are not covered under insurance for mammograms and diagnostic tests.

Michelle's Place  
41785 Elm Street, Suite 305  
Murrieta, CA 92562  
(866) 304-1280  
[info@michellesplace.org](mailto:info@michellesplace.org)  
[www.michellesplace.org](http://www.michellesplace.org)

Provides personal assistance during the treatment process including education, support, transportation assistance, as well as assisting in the diagnostic process.

Link to Life

1706 Chester Avenue, Suite 200  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
(661) 322-5601

Provides free mammograms, ultrasounds and needle biopsies (when necessary) for women under 40 who are uninsured or underinsured. Also offers wigs and a resource library.

## Colorado

Colorado Women's Cancer Control Initiative  
Colorado Department of Public Health and  
Environment  
PSD-CWCCI-A5  
4300 Cherry Creek Drive South  
Denver, CO 80246–1530  
(303) 692-2480  
(866) 692-2600 (Enrollment number)  
(303) 692-2600 (in state)  
Serves women 40 and over.

Bosom Buddies Breast Cancer Support Group  
of Southwestern Colorado  
PO Box 1263  
Montrose, CO 81402  
(970) 249-6925  
(970) 728-4104  
Provides financial assistance to help women who  
reside in Delta, Montrose, Ouray and San Miguel  
Counties who can't afford mammograms, biopsies  
and surgeries. Assistance is provided based on the  
U.S. Poverty Guidelines. Also offers weekly support  
meetings as well as three counseling sessions free  
of charge.

The Center for African American Health  
Breast Cancer Patient Navigator Project  
3601 Martin Luther King Blvd  
Denver, CO 80205  
(303)355-3423  
(303) 355-1807  
[info@caahealth.org](mailto:info@caahealth.org)  
[www.caahealth.org](http://www.caahealth.org)  
Assists African American women diagnosed with  
breast cancer to secure essential treatment support  
services during and after breast cancer treatment.

Hope Lives Breast Cancer Support Center  
2629 Redwing Road, Suite 260  
Ft. Collins, CO 80526  
(970) 225-2807  
[staff@hopelives.org](mailto:staff@hopelives.org)  
[www.hopelives.org](http://www.hopelives.org)  
Offers a complementary care program that provides free  
services for women in Larimer County and Windsor  
Colorado who are undergoing treatment for breast can-  
cer. Services are provided during treatment and for six  
months following the end of treatment. Services include  
massage therapy, mental health counseling, chiroprac-  
tic, yoga, tai-chi and acupuncture. They also maintain a  
wig bank and a lending library.

The Mickaela Foundation  
PO Box 354  
Henderson, CO 80640  
(303)452-1898  
[help@mickaela.org](mailto:help@mickaela.org)  
[www.mickaela.org](http://www.mickaela.org)  
Offers a medical bill assistance program, which pro-  
vides payment of up to \$1,000 for medical expenses.  
Patients must meet certain eligibility criteria,  
payments are made directly to healthcare providers  
and facilities and patients may re-apply for  
assistance very month.

Orchard of Hope Foundation  
111 South Orchard Avenue  
Canon City, CO 81212  
(719) 275-0089  
[www.orchardofhope.org](http://www.orchardofhope.org)  
Helps Fremont and Pueblo County cancer patients  
and their families by providing financial and  
emotional support. Application is available online.

Project Angel Heart  
4190 Garfield, Unit 5  
Denver, CO 80216  
(800) 381-5612  
(303) 830-0202  
[www.projectangelheart.org](http://www.projectangelheart.org)  
Provides home delivered meals for people living  
with a life-threatening illness to people in the  
Denver metropolitan and Colorado Springs areas.

Rocky Mountain Cancer Centers Foundation  
1161 South Vivian Street  
Lakewood, CO 80228  
(303) 930-7822  
[www.coloradocancercenters.com](http://www.coloradocancercenters.com)  
Provides emergency financial assistance for basic  
living necessities for Colorado cancer patients.  
Assistance pays for needs not covered by insurance,  
such as food, housing, utilities, transportation and  
insurance premiums.

San Juan Medical Foundation  
(505) 324-2274  
(505) 324-6813  
[www.sanjuanregional.com](http://www.sanjuanregional.com)  
Community-based organization committed to the  
future of healthy people throughout the Four Corners  
Region of New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and Utah.

## Sense of Security

PO Box 6098

Broomfield, CO 0021

(866) 736-3113

(303) 669-3113

[info@senseofsecurity.org](mailto:info@senseofsecurity.org)

[www.senseofsecurity.org](http://www.senseofsecurity.org)

Offers non-medical financial assistance to breast cancer patients in Colorado while they are undergoing treatment who meet certain eligibility guidelines. Assistance of up to \$1,000 a month for up to 12 months is provided for expenses associated with mortgage or rent, food, utilities, transportation, medical insurance premiums and child care. There are also emergency, transportation and household funds that provides one time aid of up to \$250.

## Vail Breast Cancer Awareness Group

PO Box 4043

Avon, CO 81620

(970) 479-8595

Strives to ease the financial and emotional burdens faced by women in Eagle County who are battling breast cancer.

## Women's Resource Center - Fort Collins

424 Pine Street #201

Fort Collins, CO 80524

(970) 484-1902

## Women's Resource Center - Loveland

314 East 4th Street

Loveland, CO 80537

(970) 663-2288

[www.womens-resource.org](http://www.womens-resource.org)

Provides a community access program that links women to community resources throughout Larimer County. Bi-lingual staff is available.

## Connecticut

### Breast and Cervical Cancer Program

Connecticut Department of Public Health

410 Capitol Avenue, MS-11HLS

Hartford, CT 06134

(860) 509-7140

(860) 509-7804 (Enrollment number)

Provides clinical breast exams and mammograms for women ages 19-64. Income and insurance eligibility requirements must also be met to enroll in the program.

## Delaware

### Screening for Life

Division of Public Health

Delaware Department of Health and Social Services

417 Federal Street

Dover, DE 19901

(888) 459-2943

(302) 744-4700

Provides clinical breast exams for women 18 to 39 years of age. Referrals are available for those who have breast irregularities or significant breast health problems.

## District of Columbia

### Project Wish: Screening Component of the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program

District of Columbia Department of Health

825 North Capitol Street, NE, 3rd Floor

Washington, DC 20002

(888) 833-9474

(202) 442-5900

Provides clinical breast exams to eligible women under 40. Individuals with breast health problems or significant family history of cancer and/or breast cancer may be eligible for mammography.

### Capital Breast Care Center

650 Pennsylvania Avenue, SE, Suite 230

Washington, DC 20003

(202) 675-2099

(202) 787-5700

[MRI-650Penn-CBCC@Medstar.net](mailto:MRI-650Penn-CBCC@Medstar.net)

Provides culturally-appropriate breast cancer screening services to women of the DC metropolitan area, regardless of the ability to pay.

### Food and Friends

219 Riggs Road, NE

Washington, DC 20011

(202) 269-2277

[info@foodandfriends.org](mailto:info@foodandfriends.org)


[www.foodandfriends.org](http://www.foodandfriends.org)

Cares for people living with life-challenging illnesses by providing home-delivered, freshly-prepared meals, groceries and nutrition counseling.

Free Access to Mammography Education (FAME)  
Washington Cancer Center-  
Washington Hospital Center  
110 Irving Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20010  
(202) 877-3915  
Community collaboration to provide free  
mammography and follow-up services to  
underinsured women in designated zip codes in  
the District of Columbia meeting program criteria.

## Florida

Breast and Cervical Cancer  
Early Detection Program  
Division of Family Health Services  
Florida Department of Health  
4052 Bald Cypress Way, Bin #A13  
Tallahassee, FL 32399-1723  
(800) 451-2229  
Serves women ages 50-64. Minimal availability  
for women under 50 who meet all other program  
eligibility requirements. Information regarding  
additional resources, such as the Volunteer  
Healthcare Provider Program, which connects  
under/uninsured patients with doctors who  
volunteer their services, is available upon request.

 Kristy Lasch Miracle Foundation  
2520 SW 22nd Street, Suite 2-290  
Miami, FL 33145  
(305) 479-2374  
[info@kristylasch.org](mailto:info@kristylasch.org)  
[www.kristylasch.org](http://www.kristylasch.org)  
Provides financial assistance to women under 30  
living with breast cancer to use for medical expenses  
including wigs.

## Georgia

Cancer Screening Program  
Georgia Cancer Control Section,  
Division of Public Health  
Georgia Department of Human Resources  
2 Peachtree Street, NW, Room 16.493  
Atlanta, GA 30303-3142  
(404) 657-6611  
Serves women 40 and over. Women under 40 who have  
breast problems may be eligible for diagnostic tests.

Breast Friends, Inc.  
180 Allen Road, Suite 204- South  
Atlanta, GA 30328  
(888) 718-3523  
(404) 843-0677  
[support@breastfriends.org](mailto:support@breastfriends.org)  
[www.breastfriends.org](http://www.breastfriends.org)  
A one-on-one breast cancer support network  
that offers individual emotional support and  
practical assistance to breast cancer patients and  
their families. Services include 24 hour phone  
support by trained breast cancer survivors, free  
transportation, in-home visits, information and  
educational materials. Certain services are only  
available in designated geographical areas.

Sisters By Choice  
550 Peachtree Street, NE, Suite 1065  
Atlanta, GA 30308  
(770) 987-2951  
[meetings@@sistersbychoice.net](mailto:meetings@@sistersbychoice.net)  
[www.sistersbychoice.net](http://www.sistersbychoice.net)  
Provides low-cost and no-cost mammograms with  
diagnostic follow-up services, as indicated, to low-  
income and underserved women from diverse racial  
and ethnic backgrounds. Also offers a support  
group for women under 40.

Surviving, Inc.  
4191 Oak Springs Road  
Powder Springs, GA 30127  
(404) 277-2986  
[survivinginc@hotmail.com](mailto:survivinginc@hotmail.com)  
Assists breast cancer patients in the Atlanta Metro  
area undergoing treatment by providing one-on-  
one home, hospital or hospice visitation, wig,  
lymphedema sleeve and glove reimbursements.  
Assistance with travel to and from doctor's  
appointments is also available.

## Hawaii

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program  
Hawaii Department of Health  
1250 Punchbowl Street, Room 205  
Honolulu, HI 96813  
(808) 586-4795  
(808) 692-7460 (Enrollment number)  
Serves women 50 and over.

## Idaho

Women's Health Check  
Division of Health  
Idaho Department of Health and Welfare  
450 West State Street, 6th Floor  
PO Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0036  
(208) 334-5500  
(800) 926-2588 (Enrollment number)  
Minimal state funding available for the screening of women 30-40 years of age who have breast cancer symptoms and do not have insurance. Medicaid, Avon Foundation and Komen funds available for women diagnosed. Dial 211 for in-state referral information.

## Illinois

Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program  
Office of Women's Health Services  
Illinois Department of Public Health  
535 West Jefferson Street, First Floor  
Springfield, IL 62761-0001  
(773) 277-8063  
(217) 785-1050 (Enrollment number)  
Program available for women under 40 only if they have been diagnosed with a breast abnormality through a clinical breast examination.

Illinois Wings  
975 South Durkin Drive, Suite 101  
Springfield, IL 62704  
(217) 726-9572  
[www.illinoiswings.com](http://www.illinoiswings.com)  
WINGS aims to provide comprehensive breast health care services to men and women in Illinois regardless of their ability to pay. The services funded include physicians' fees, outpatient medication and hospital charges.

## Indiana

Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program  
Indiana State Department of Health  
2 North Meridian Street  
Mailstop 6B-F4  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
(800) 433-0746  
(317) 234-1356  
[www.in.gov/isdh/programs/bccp](http://www.in.gov/isdh/programs/bccp)  
Serves women 40 and over.

I WIN -- Indiana Women in Need  
PO Box 30648  
Indianapolis, IN 46326  
(866) 980-IWIN  
(317) 475-0565  
[www.iwinfoundation.org](http://www.iwinfoundation.org)  
Provides breast cancer patients undergoing treatment with services such as childcare, house-keeping, personal errands, medical bill management, relaxation services and meal preparation.

Little Red Door Cancer Agency  
1801 North Meridan Street  
Indianapolis, IN 46202  
(317) 925-5595  
[mail@littlereddoor.org](mailto:mail@littlereddoor.org)  
[www.littlereddoor.org](http://www.littlereddoor.org)  
Strives to make the most of life by reducing the physical, emotional and financial burdens of cancer for medically underserved residents of central Indiana through education, screening and detection and patient services.

## Iowa

Breast and Cervical Cancer  
Early Detection Program  
Bureau of Cancer Prevention and Control  
Iowa Department of Public Health  
321 East 12th Street  
Des Moines, IA 50319-0075  
(515) 281-5616  
(800) 369-2229 (Enrollment number)  
Serves women 18-64 years of age who have a breast irregularity or family history of breast cancer.

## Kansas

Early Detection Works Program  
Bureau of Health Promotion  
Kansas Department of Health and Environment  
State Office Building  
1000 Southwest Jackson, Suite 230  
Topeka, KS 66612-1274  
(785) 296-5868  
(877) 277-1368 (Enrollment number)  
Limited state funding available for women under 40 who have a breast irregularity, hereditary breast cancer and/or other breast related problems.

## Kentucky

Kentucky Women's Cancer Screening Program  
Chronic Disease Prevention and Control Branch  
Kentucky Department of Public Health  
275 East Main Street, HS1C-B  
Frankfort, KY 40621-0001  
(502) 564-7996 ext. 3821  
Serves women 40 and over. Women under 40 are eligible to receive screening services if they have a family history of breast cancer.

## Louisiana

Louisiana Breast and Cervical Health Program  
Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center  
School of Public Health  
PO Box 2018  
Mandeville, LA 70470  
(888) 599-1073  
Limited funds are available for coverage of women under 40 who have seen a clinician and were found to have a breast irregularity and/or had a suspicious mammogram or ultrasound. Income and insurance eligibility requirements must also be met to be enrolled in the program.

## Maine

Breast and Cervical Health Program  
Maine Bureau of Health  
11 State House Station  
Key Bank Plaza, 4th Floor  
Augusta, ME 04333-0011  
(207) 287-8068  
(800) 350-5180 (Enrollment number)  
Serves women 40 and over.

## Maryland

Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program  
Center for Cancer Surveillance and Control  
Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene  
201 West Preston Street, 3rd Floor  
Baltimore, MD 21201  
(410) 767-6728  
(800) 477-9774 (Enrollment number)  
Twenty-five percent of program funds are available for the screening of women under 50 with priority given to women aged 40-49 years. Limited funds available to women under 40 who have symptoms of breast cancer, have a personal history of breast cancer, or have family history of breast cancer before menopause. Women eligible for this program must either be uninsured or have health insurance that does not cover screening procedures.

## Massachusetts

Women's Health Network  
Massachusetts Department of Health  
250 Washington Street, Fourth Floor  
Boston, MA 02108-4619  
(617) 624-5434  
Primarily serves women 40 and over. Additional funds available for women under 40 who have a personal and/or family history of breast cancer, have received therapeutic radiation to the chest, or have been referred by a physician.

The Breast Form Fund  
14 Center Street  
Northampton, MA 01060  
(413) 584-6623  
[contactus@thebreastformfund.org](mailto:contactus@thebreastformfund.org)  
[www.thebreastformfund.org](http://www.thebreastformfund.org)  
Provides financial assistance to underinsured breast cancer survivors of all ages for breast prostheses and post-mastectomy bras.

Hospitality Homes  
PO Box 15265  
Boston, MA 02215  
(888) 595-4678  
(617) 482-4338  
[www.hosp.org](http://www.hosp.org)  
Hospitality Homes arranges no-cost housing in volunteer host homes for families and friends who accompany loved ones to Boston for medical care.

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## Michigan

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program  
Cancer Prevention and Control Section  
Michigan Department of Community Health  
Washington Square Building, 5th Floor  
109 Michigan Avenue  
PO Box 30195  
Lansing, MI 48909  
(517) 335-8049  
(800) 922-MAMM (Enrollment number)  
Serves women 40 and over.

## Minnesota

SAGE Screening Program  
Minnesota Department of Health  
85 East 7th Place  
PO Box 64882  
Saint Paul, MN 55164-0882  
(651) 201-5600  
(888) 643-2584 (Enrollment number)  
Serves women 40 and over. If a younger woman is determined by a clinician to be at elevated risk for breast cancer, SAGE will cover the office visit and mammogram. If further follow-up is needed, SAGE would cover a diagnostic mammogram, breast ultrasound, and/or outpatient breast biopsy.

## Mississippi

Mississippi Breast and Cervical Cancer  
Early Detection Program  
Mississippi State Department of Health  
570 East Woodrow Wilson  
PO Box 1700  
Jackson, MS 39215-1700  
(601) 576-7466  
(800) 721-7222 (Enrollment number)  
Serves women 50 and over.

## Missouri

Show Me Healthy Women Program  
Cancer Control Unit  
Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services  
920 Wildwood Drive  
Jefferson City, MO 65109  
(573) 522-2845  
Serves women 50 and over. Women ages 35-49 are eligible for diagnostic breast services if their clinical breast exam results are suspicious for cancer. The initial clinical breast exam is not covered by the program for women in this age group.

## Montana

Breast and Cervical Health Program  
Montana Department of Public Health and Human  
Services  
Cogswell Building  
1400 Broadway  
PO Box 202951  
Helena, MT 59620-2951  
(406) 444-3624  
(888) 803-9343 (Enrollment number)  
Serves women 50 and over.

## Nebraska

Every Woman Matters Program  
Nebraska Health and Human Services  
301 Centennial Mall South  
PO Box 94817  
Lincoln, NE 68509-4817  
(402) 471-0314  
Serves women 40 and over. Women under 40 who have been screened (outside of the program) and found to have a breast abnormality or suspicious mammogram or ultrasound may be eligible for biopsy and surgical consult.

## Nevada

Women's Health Connection  
Nevada State Health Division  
505 East King Street, Suite 304  
Carson City, NV 89701  
(775) 684-5936  
(888) 463-8942 (Enrollment number)  
Serves women 40 and over.

Carson Tahoe Cancer Resource Center  
1600 Medical Parkway  
Carson City, NV 89703  
(877) 284-2627  
(775) 885-4281  
[www.carsontahoe.staywellsolutionsonline.com](http://www.carsontahoe.staywellsolutionsonline.com)  
Provides financial and local resources, lending library, support groups, wigs and prosthetics, peer one on one counseling. Housing available for participants in treatment programs.

## New Hampshire

Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP)  
Division of Public Health Services  
New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services  
29 Hazen Drive  
Concord, NH 03301  
(603) 271-4886  
Serves women 18-64 years old who are under or uninsured and 250% below the poverty level (one-person \$24,500/year, two-person \$33,000).

## New Jersey

Cancer Education and Early Detection Program  
New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services  
50 East State Street, 6th Floor  
PO Box 364  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0364  
(609) 292-8540  
(800) 328-3838 (Enrollment number)  
Serves women 40 and under who meet further program eligibility for clinical breast exam and diagnostic testing.

Breast Cancer Resource Center  
YWCA Princeton  
59 Paul Robeson Place  
Princeton, NJ 08540  
(609) 497-2126  
[bcrc@ywcaprinceton.org](mailto:bcrc@ywcaprinceton.org)  
[www.bccrnj.org](http://www.bccrnj.org)  
Dedicated to providing information and support to women and families affected by breast cancer and to increasing awareness in the community. Activities include a speaker series, yoga classes for women living with breast cancer and support groups, as well as a wig and prosthesis bank.

## New Mexico

Breast and Cervical Cancer  
Early Detection Program  
New Mexico Department of Health  
625 Silver SW, Suite 203  
Albuquerque, NM 87102  
(505) 841-5859  
Primarily serves women 50 and over. If a woman is younger than 50, has a finding suspicious of breast cancer and meets the income and insurance requirements, she may qualify to have certain diagnostic procedures covered.

San Juan Medical Foundation  
(505) 324-2274  
(505) 324-6813  
[www.sanjuanregional.com](http://www.sanjuanregional.com)  
Community-based organization committed to the future of healthy people throughout the Four Corners Region of New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and Utah.

## New York

Cancer Services Program  
Bureau of Chronic Disease Services  
New York State Department of Health  
Riverview Center, 3rd Floor West  
Albany, NY 12204  
(518) 474-1222  
(800) 4-CANCER (Enrollment number)  
(800) ACS-2345  
[canserv@health.state.ny.us](mailto:canserv@health.state.ny.us)  
[www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/cancer/center/partnerships.htm](http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/cancer/center/partnerships.htm)  
Minimal funding available for women 18-39 years of age for clinical breast exams. Women in this age group at increased risk for breast cancer may qualify for mammograms. The website contains a public contact list which lists, by county, organizations that may provide free mammograms.

## North Carolina

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program  
Division of Public Health  
North Carolina Department of Health  
and Human Services  
1922 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1922  
(919) 707-5300  
(800) 4-CANCER (in state)  
(919) 715-0111 (outside of state)  
Primarily serves women 40 and over. Additional  
eligibility available to women 18-40 years of age who  
have breast problems and are under or uninsured.

Women Helping Women  
2301 Stonehenge Drive, Suite 109  
Raleigh, NC 27615  
(919) 846-1203  
[pmwilliams@nc.rr.com](mailto:pmwilliams@nc.rr.com)  
Women Helping Women seeks to improve the quality  
of life for women living with breast cancer. They also  
produce the Breast Cancer Resource Directory of  
North Carolina.

## North Dakota

Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection  
Program  
Division of Cancer Prevention and Control  
North Dakota Department of Health  
600 East Boulevard Avenue, Department 301  
Bismarck, ND 58505-0200  
(800) 449-6636 (in state)  
(701) 328-2333  
Serves women 40 and over.

## Ohio

Breast and Cervical Cancer Prevention Project  
Ohio Department of Health  
246 North High Street  
PO Box 118  
Columbus, OH 43216-0118  
(614) 644-8700  
(800) 4-CANCER (Enrollment number)  
Serves women 50 and over.

Free Store Foodbank  
112 East Liberty Street  
Cincinnati, OH 45202  
(513) 241-1064  
[www.freestorefoodbank.org](http://www.freestorefoodbank.org)  
Offers an emergency client center that provides  
assistance in the form of food, transportation,  
clothing, housing and referrals for those in  
emergency situations and those with no income.

Norwood Service League  
4321 Forest Avenue  
Norwood, OH 45212  
(513) 924-2560  
[nsl@norwoodschoools.org](mailto:nsl@norwoodschoools.org)  
Provides supplemental or emergency food, and in  
certain circumstances, financial assistance, to the  
residents of Norwood.

## Oklahoma

Oklahoma Cares Breast and Cervical Cancer  
Treatment Program  
Oklahoma State Department of Health  
1000 Northeast Tenth Street  
Oklahoma City, OK 73117-1299  
(405) 271-4072 Ext. 57128  
(888) 669-5934  
[www.ohca.state.ok.us](http://www.ohca.state.ok.us)  
Serves women under age 65. Women must be  
screened under the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early  
Detection Program and require further diagnosis  
and/or treatment services because of an abnormal  
result, must have qualifying low income and not  
otherwise be eligible for Medicaid and have no other  
insurance covering Breast and Cervical Cancer (BCC)  
diagnosis or treatment

## Oregon

Breast and Cervical Cancer Program  
Chronic Disease and Health Promotion  
Oregon Department of Human Services  
800 Northeast Oregon Street, Suite 730  
Portland, OR 97232-2162  
(503) 731-4273  
(800) 422-6012 (Enrollment number)  
Initiating a pilot program available for women 40 and  
under to receive screening and care through a  
mini-grant from the Komen Foundation.

## Pennsylvania

Breast and Cervical Cancer  
Early Detection Program  
Division of Chronic Disease Intervention  
Pennsylvania Department of Health  
Health and Welfare Building, Room 1011  
PO Box 90  
Harrisburg, PA 17108  
(717) 783-1457  
(877) PA-HEALTH  
(800) 4-CANCER (Enrollment number)  
Women under 40 are eligible if they present  
with previously diagnosed or self-recognized  
breast problems.

## Puerto Rico

Cancer Prevention and Early Detection Program  
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico  
Departamento de Salud de Puerto Rico  
Pabellon 2 piso 2  
Calle Periferal, Terreno Centro Medico  
PO Box 70189  
San Juan, PR 00935  
(787) 274-3300

## Rhode Island

Women's Cancer Screening Program  
Rhode Island Cancer Control Program  
Rhode Island Department of Health  
3 Capitol Hill, Room 103  
Providence, RI 02908  
(401) 222-1161  
Provides screening for all women with breast  
problems meeting additional income and  
insurance criteria.

## South Carolina

Breast and Cervical Cancer  
Early Detection Program  
Division of Cancer Prevention and Control  
Bureau of Chronic Disease Prevention, DHEC  
PO Box 101106  
Columbia, SC 29211  
(803) 545-4103  
(803) 545-4106  
(800) 227-2345 (Enrollment number)  
Primarily serves women 50 and over. Women 35-45  
years of age who meet requirements for the Best  
Chance Network can receive free mammograms.

## South Dakota

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program  
South Dakota Department of Health  
615 East Fourth Street  
Pierre, SD 57501-1700  
(605) 773-5728  
(800) 738-2301 (Enrollment number)  
Primarily serves women ages 50-64, however,  
limited funds are available to cover screening for  
women under 50 years of age.

## Tennessee

Breast and Cervical Cancer  
Early Detection Program  
Tennessee Department of Health  
Cordell Hull Building, Fourth Floor South  
425 Fifth Avenue North  
Nashville, TN 37247-5262  
(615) 532-8494  
Serves women 50 and over, as well as women ages  
40-49 with breast problems, personal history of  
breast cancer and/or family history of breast cancer.

## Texas

Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program  
Texas Department of State Health Services  
Preventive and Primary Care Unit  
1100 West 49th Street  
Austin, TX 78756-3199  
(512) 458-7796  
Services for women differ by county. Please contact  
them to inquire about options for young women in a  
specific county.

### A Small Miracle Foundation

Dallas, TX

(469) 439-4059

[info@asmallmiraclefoundation.org](mailto:info@asmallmiraclefoundation.org)

[www.asmallmiraclefoundation.org](http://www.asmallmiraclefoundation.org)

Provides free childcare services for newborns up to children age ten, by participating nanny services for individuals in the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex diagnosed with cancer.

### The Rose

The Rose Medical Plaza

12700 North Featherwood Suite 260

Houston, TX 77034

(281) 484-4708

[therose@the-rose.org](mailto:therose@the-rose.org)

[www.the-rose.org](http://www.the-rose.org)

Offers a young women's clinic that provides diagnostic services as well as patient support, access to treatment, a wig bank, support groups and a lending library.

### Wings

7500 Highway 90 West

Building 2, Suite 240

San Antonio, TX 78227

(210) 946-9464

[www.texaswings.org](http://www.texaswings.org)

Meets the needs of the South Texas community through the provision of diagnostic testing, surgery, chemotherapy expenses, as well as services not traditionally offered such as outpatient medication and psychosocial counseling.

## Utah

### Utah Cancer Control Program

Utah Department of Health

288 North 1460 Street

PO Box 142107

Salt Lake City, UT 84114–2107

(801) 538-6712

Women aged 35-39 years, meeting income requirements and who have a breast abnormality can receive a mammogram and surgeon referral. Additional eligibility available through select local health departments; including clinical breast exams for women under 40 with or without breast problems.

### San Juan Medical Foundation

710 South Lake

Farmington, NM 87401

(505) 324-2274

(505) 324-6813

[www.sanjuanregional.com/network/sjmf](http://www.sanjuanregional.com/network/sjmf)

Community-based organization committed to the future of healthy people throughout the Four Corners Region of New Mexico, Arizona, Colorado, and Utah.

## Vermont

### Ladies First

Chronic Disease Program

Vermont Department of Health

108 Cherry Street

PO Box 70

Burlington, VT 05402–0070

(802) 863-7331

(800) 508-2222 (Enrollment number)

(802) 865-7758 (Enrollment number)

Program enrollment available to women 18-39 years of age who have breast health problems; provides screening and some diagnostic testing as well as offers screening materials and information for the visually impaired.

## Virginia

### Breast and Cervical Cancer

Early Detection Program

Virginia Department of Health

109 Governor Street, 8th Floor

Richmond, VA 23219

(804) 864-7761

(800) ACS-2345 (Enrollment number)

(804) 786-5916 (Enrollment number)

Limited amount of state funding available to cover screening (clinical breast exam and mammography) for women 18-39 years of age.

### Arlington Free Clinic

Ballston Medical Center

3833 North Fairfax Drive, Suite 400

Arlington, VA 22203-1701

(703) 979-1400

[info@arlingtonfreeclinic.org](mailto:info@arlingtonfreeclinic.org)

[www.arlingtonfreeclinic.org](http://www.arlingtonfreeclinic.org)

Provides comprehensive women's health care, including mammograms, clinical breast exams, self-breast exam education, sonograms, biopsies, surgery, radiation therapy, and chemotherapy.

Breast Cancer Care Foundation  
3180 18th Street, North  
Arlington, VA 22201-5242  
(703) 707-9491  
(707) 527-6319  
[info@breastcancercarefoundation.org](mailto:info@breastcancercarefoundation.org)  
[www.breastcancercarefoundation.org](http://www.breastcancercarefoundation.org)  
Helps the uninsured, underinsured or those with financial difficulty in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area when other programs and resources have been exhausted. Help ranges from medical procedures such as breast biopsy, pathology services and diagnostic imaging to post-treatment needs such as wigs, prostheses and lymphedema therapy.

## Washington

Washington Breast and Cervical Health Program  
Washington State Department of Health  
PO Box 47855  
Olympia, WA 98504-7855  
(360) 236-3589  
(888) 438-2247  
Serves women 40 and over. Referrals are available for women under 40 with breast health problems.

Maid for Life  
American Maid Service  
3517 259th Way NE  
Redmond, WA 98053  
[www.elainesamericanmaid.com/maidforlife](http://www.elainesamericanmaid.com/maidforlife)  
Provides free or subsidized home cleaning services in the Seattle area, to women with cancer and their families.

## West Virginia

Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program  
West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources  
350 Capital Street, Room 427  
Charleston, WV 25301-3714  
(304) 558-7180  
(800) 4-CANCER  
Serves women 50 and over.

## Wisconsin

Well Woman Program  
Division of Public Health  
Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services  
One West Wilson Street, Room 218  
PO Box 2659  
Madison, WI 53701-2659  
(608) 261-6872  
Serves women 45 and over.

## Wyoming

Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program  
Wyoming Department of Health  
6101 Yellowstone Road, Room 259A  
Cheyenne, WY 82002  
(307) 777-6006  
(800) 264-1296 (Enrollment number)  
Caring for Women is a subset of the BCCEDP of Wyoming and provides women under 50 who are without insurance (and meeting additional income eligibility guidelines) with mammograms. If an irregularity is found, the patient is referred back to the "Women's Health Source" or BCCEDP and depending on the type of abnormality, she may be eligible for further testing and treatment through the program.

## Resources for additional populations

### American Samoa

Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program  
Department of Health  
American Samoa Government  
Territory of American Samoa  
Pago Pago, AS 96799  
011 (684) 633-2135

### Cherokee Nation

Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program  
PO Box 948  
Tahlequah, OK 74465  
(918) 458-4491

### Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe

Breast and Cervical Cancer  
Early Detection Program  
2001 Main Street  
PO Box 590  
Eagle Butte, SD 57625  
(605) 964-8917

### Hopi Tribe

Breast and Cervical Cancer  
Early Detection Program  
PO Box 123  
Kykotsmovi, AZ 86039  
(928) 734-3283

### Kaw Nation of Oklahoma

Kanza Health Clinic  
Drawer 474  
Newkirk, OK 74647  
(580) 362-1039  
[www.kawnation.com/programs.htm](http://www.kawnation.com/programs.htm)

### Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians

Breast and Cervical Cancer  
Early Detection Program  
Choctaw Health Department  
210 Hospital Circle  
Philadelphia, MS 39350-6781  
(601) 389-6326

### Native American Rehabilitation Association of the Northwest, Inc.

Women's Wellness Program  
15 North Morris Street  
Portland, OR 97227  
(503) 230-9875

### Navajo Nation

Breast and Cervical Cancer  
Early Detection Program  
PO Box 1390  
Window Rock, AZ 86515  
(928) 871-6923

### Poarch Band of Creek Indians

Breast and Cervical Cancer  
Early Detection Program  
5811 Jack Springs Road  
Atmore, AL 36502  
(334) 368-8630

### South East Alaska Regional Health Consortium

Breast and Cervical Cancer  
Early Detection Program  
222 Tongass Drive  
Sitka, AK 99835  
(907) 966-8710

### South Puget Intertribal Planning Agency

Breast and Cervical Cancer  
Early Detection Program  
2750 Old Olympic Highway, SE  
Shelton, WA 98584  
(360) 426-3990

### Southcentral Foundation

Breast and Cervical Cancer  
Early Detection Program  
4320 Diplomacy Drive, Suite 2360  
Anchorage, AK 99508

### Yukon-Kuskokwim Health Corporation

Breast and Cervical Cancer  
Early Detection Program  
700 Chief Eddy Hoffman Highway  
PO Box 287, Pouch 3000  
Bethel, AK 99559  
(907) 543-6308

## American Indian/Alaska Native Organizations Arctic Slope Native Association Limited

Breast and Cervical Cancer  
Early Detection Program  
Department of Health and Social Services  
PO Box 69  
Barrow, AK 99723  
(800) 478-6606, Ext. 270  
(907) 852-0270

## Air Transportation

Air Care Alliance  
(888) 260-9707  
[www.aircareall.org](http://www.aircareall.org)

A trade organization with a comprehensive online listing of organizations that provide patient air transportation for free to ambulatory and medically stable people to access care.

National Patient Travel Center  
4620 Haygood Road, Suite 1  
Virginia Beach, VA 23455  
(800) 296-1217  
(757) 318-9174

[www.patienttravel.org](http://www.patienttravel.org)  
The National Patient Travel Center's website and helpline provides information about all forms of charitable, long-distance medical air transportation and provides referrals to all appropriate sources of help available in the national charitable medical air transportation network

## Drug assistance

One of the most common concerns of women with breast cancer is obtaining adequate reimbursement for treatment, especially when drug therapy is ongoing. Some necessary drugs and treatments are not covered by insurance plans, Medicare or Medicaid—an unneeded frustration at a difficult and overwhelming time. The following is a listing of selected company reimbursement assistance programs for oncology-related products.

These programs are often best accessed by a physician or nurse on the breast cancer patient's behalf. Eligibility requirements and application procedures vary with each program. Programs also vary by type of assistance, including reimbursement counseling, assistance with filing claims, appeal of denied claims and enrollment in State and Federal health insurance programs. Some companies offer free products for women who are uninsured and can demonstrate financial need. Since programs change, check the websites of the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (PhRMA) at [www.phrma.org](http://www.phrma.org), Needy Meds at [needymeds.com](http://needymeds.com) or Partnership of Prescription Assistance at [www.Pparx.org](http://www.Pparx.org) for updates.

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Amgen, Inc.  
Amgen Safety Net Foundation  
(888) 762-6436  
[www.amgen.com](http://www.amgen.com)  
\* For ARANESP (darbepoetin alfa)  
EPOGEN (epoetin alfa), NEUPOGEN (filgrastim), NEULASTA (pegfilgrastin).

AstraZeneca  
AstraZeneca Patient Assistance Organization  
(800) 424-3727  
[www.astrazeneca-us.com](http://www.astrazeneca-us.com)  
\* For ARIMIDEX (anastrozole), ZOLADEX (goserelin), FASLODEX (fulvestrant).

Sanofi Aventis  
PACT+ (Providing Access to Cancer Therapy)  
(800) 996-6626  
[www.oncology.sanofi-aventis.us/reimbursement.do](http://www.oncology.sanofi-aventis.us/reimbursement.do)  
\* For TAXOTERE (docetaxel), ANZEMET (dolasetron mesylate).

Bristol-Myers Squibb  
Destination Access  
(800) 861-0048  
\* For BiCNU (carmustine)

Genentech, Inc.  
Genentech Access to Care Foundation  
(888) 249-4918  
[www.spoconline.com](http://www.spoconline.com)  
\* For HERCEPTIN (trastuzumab)  
AVASTIN (bevacizumab)

GlaxoSmithKline  
Commitment to Access  
(866) 265-6491  
[www.commitmenttoaccess.com](http://www.commitmenttoaccess.com)  
\* For ZOFRAN (ondansetron hydrochloride)

Lilly Oncology  
Gemzar Patient Assistance Program  
(888) 4-GEMZAR  
[www.lillyoncology.com](http://www.lillyoncology.com)  
\* For GEMZAR (gemcitabine hydrochloride).  
Merck and Co., Inc.  
Accessing Coverage Today (ACT) Program  
(866) 363-6379  
\* For EMEND (aprepitant)

Novartis Pharmaceuticals  
Novartis Patient Assistance Program  
(800) 277-2254  
\*For FEMARA (letrozole), ZOMETA (zoledronic acid).

Ortho Biotech, Inc.  
Procritline  
(800) 553-3851  
[www.procritline.com](http://www.procritline.com)  
\* For PROCIT (epoetin alfa).  
(800) 609-1083  
[www.doxilline.com](http://www.doxilline.com)  
\* For DOXIL (liposomal doxorubicin).

Pfizer  
Pfizer Connection to Care  
(800) 707-8990  
[www.pfizer.com](http://www.pfizer.com)  
\* For DEPO-PROVERA (medroxyprogesterone).  
Pfizer FirstRESOURCE  
(877) 744-5675  
[www.pfizer.com](http://www.pfizer.com)  
\* For ELLENCE (epirubicin hydrochloride), AROMASIN (exemestane), ZINECARD (dexrazoxane)..

Roche Laboratories, Inc.  
ONCOLINE Patient Assistance Program  
(800) 443-6676  
\* For XELODA (capecitabine), KYTRIL (granisetron)

## Scholarships and grants

*There are numerous scholarship awards for breast cancer survivors and young adults with cancer, as well as for children of breast cancer survivors and children who have lost a parent to breast cancer.*

Cancer Survivors' Fund

PO Box 792

Missouri City, TX 77459

(281)437-7142

[csf@cancersurvivorsfund.org](mailto:csf@cancersurvivorsfund.org)

[www.cancersurvivorsfund.org](http://www.cancersurvivorsfund.org)

The Cancer Survivors' Fund provides scholarships for young cancer survivors to give them a new purpose and meaning in life and enable them to continue their college education.

Finaid.org: The Smart Student Guide to Financial Aid

[www.finaid.org/scholarships/cancer.phtml](http://www.finaid.org/scholarships/cancer.phtml)

This useful website contains information about scholarships for cancer patients, cancer survivors, children of a cancer patient or survivor and students who lost a parent to cancer.

Mary Ellen Locher Foundation

PO Box 4032

Chattanooga, TN 37405

[www.maryellenlocherfoundation.org](http://www.maryellenlocherfoundation.org)

The Mary Ellen Locher Foundation Scholarship Fund provides scholarships for secondary education to children who lost a parent to breast cancer and to children of breast cancer survivors. The scholarship amount is at least \$1,000.

Patient Advocate Foundation

700 Thimble Shoals Blvd, Suite 200

Newport News, VA 23606

(800) 532-5274

[help@patientadvocate.org](mailto:help@patientadvocate.org)

[www.patientadvocate.org](http://www.patientadvocate.org)

The Patient Advocate Foundation awards ten scholarships of \$3,000 per year, for cancer survivors under the age of 25 to initiate or complete a course of study that has been interrupted or delayed by a diagnosis of cancer or other critical or life-threatening disease.

PinkRose Foundation, Inc.

PO Box 4025

Dedham, MA 02027

[www.pinkrose.org](http://www.pinkrose.org)

The PinkRose Foundation provides \$1,000 scholarships to children who have lost a parent to breast cancer. The scholarship is designed to help children embark on personal growth and start to overcome the grief caused by breast cancer.

The National Collegiate Cancer Foundation  
PO Box 14521  
Silver Spring, MD 20911  
(717) 215-0943

[info@collegiatecancer.org](mailto:info@collegiatecancer.org)  
[www.collegiatecancer.org](http://www.collegiatecancer.org)

The National Collegiate Cancer Foundation offers \$1000 scholarships to college students whose lives have been impacted by cancer and are seeking to continue their higher education while still undergoing treatment. Applicants must be cancer survivors who are college students between the ages of 17 and 27.

The SAM Fund for Young Adult Survivors of Cancer  
35 Channel Center Street  
Boston, MA 02210

[info@thesamfund.org](mailto:info@thesamfund.org)  
[www.thesamfund.org](http://www.thesamfund.org)

Awards grants to assist cancer survivors between the ages of 17 and 35 with their transition to post treatment life.

The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation  
5005 LBJ Freeway, Suite 250  
Dallas, TX 75244  
(972) 855-1616

[collegescholarships@komen.org](mailto:collegescholarships@komen.org)  
[www.komen.org](http://www.komen.org)

The Susan G. Komen Foundation awards scholarships of up to \$10,000 each to high school seniors or graduates who are 25 years or younger and have lost a parent to breast cancer. The student must attend a state college, university or community college and must not be paying out-of-state or private school tuition.

The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults

PMB #505  
4725 Dorsey Hall Drive, Suite A  
Ellicott City, MD 21042  
(888) 393-FUND (3863)  
(410) 964-0202

[info@ulmanfund.org](mailto:info@ulmanfund.org)  
[www.ulmanfund.org](http://www.ulmanfund.org)

The Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults National College Scholarship Program was established to support the financial needs of young adults whose lives have been impacted by cancer and are seeking higher education or professional school training. Four scholarships of \$1,000 are given through four different scholarship programs.

Working Against Cancer  
PO Box 70233

Pasadena, CA 91107  
(619) 269-6767

[contactus@workingagainstcancer.org](mailto:contactus@workingagainstcancer.org)  
[www.workingagainstcancer.org](http://www.workingagainstcancer.org)

Working Against Cancer's Survival Scholarship program assists young adult cancer survivors (ages 30 and under) by awarding scholarships of \$500 to assist the recipients in engaging in a trade, art or some form of higher education.

## Navigating your insurance plan

Dealing with your health insurance or managed care company can be a trying experience under the best of circumstances, and can be overwhelming while coping with breast cancer at the same time. You will have the best results if you know where to go to get your questions answered or problems resolved. The following advice should help with the most common insurance questions or concerns:

- Check your benefits handbook, which is an explanation of both your rights and responsibilities under the plan. As an insured person, it is your legal right to have such a guide, and you should make sure it reflects current guidelines. Your benefits are always a matter of interpretation, however, and there may be times when you need more detailed information than your Handbook provides. You cannot presume that you have full coverage for health services, medications or supplies—unfortunately, you may not.
- Direct your questions to the customer service office of your insurance or managed care company. Be sure to get the name of the person who helps you, or obtain verification in writing. Keep a log of your contacts, with date, time, subject and names. If you are insured through your employer, the personnel or human resources office at work should be helpful as well.
- If your concerns are still not satisfactorily addressed, you may need to contact the government agency that regulates your insurance plan. If you are covered by a commercial insurance company, your plan is regulated by your State Department of Insurance, listed in the blue pages of your telephone book. However, if your group policy is an employee benefit or self-insured plan (as are most group plans covering more than a few hundred people), it is regulated by the U.S. Department of Labor, Employee Benefits Security Administration, [www.dol.gov/ebsa](http://www.dol.gov/ebsa) or (866) 444-EBSA.

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### American Cancer Society

[www.cancer.org/docroot/MLT/MLT\\_0.asp](http://www.cancer.org/docroot/MLT/MLT_0.asp)

Offers a link to guidelines for Medical Insurance and Financial Assistance for the Cancer Patient which has a listing of national organizations and websites that may offer financial or other assistance. Also includes a listing of states with risk pools.

### Insurance Information Institute

100 William Street  
New York, NY 10038  
(212) 346-5500  
[www.iii.org](http://www.iii.org)

III's goal is to improve the public's understanding of insurance, what it does and how it works.

### What Cancer Survivors Need To Know About Health Insurance

by Kimberly J. Calder, MPS and Karen Pollitz, MPP (National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, 2006, \$3.00)  
[www.canceradvocacy.org](http://www.canceradvocacy.org)

This book sorts through the insurance maze by explaining the many types of insurance, exploring ways cancer survivors can get the most out of their insurance coverage and discussing laws that provide some protection for cancer survivors changing jobs.

## State Health Insurance Assistance Programs

[www.shiptalk.org](http://www.shiptalk.org)

The State Health Insurance Assistance Program, or SHIP, is a national program that offers one-on-one counseling and assistance to people with Medicare and their families. Through federal grants directed to states, SHIPs provide free counseling and assistance via telephone and face-to-face interactive sessions, public education presentations and programs, and media activities.

## LEGAL RESOURCES

### Breast Cancer Legal Advocacy Initiative

The ABA Commission on Women in the Profession

321 North Clark Street

Chicago, IL 60610

(312) 988-5715

[abacwp1@abanet.org](mailto:abacwp1@abanet.org)

[www.abanet.org/women/breastcancer.html](http://www.abanet.org/women/breastcancer.html)

Created by the American Bar Association's Commission on Women in the Profession, this public education initiative is designed to protect the legal rights of people affected by breast cancer. This informative website provides listings of local organizations that provide pro bono legal services and information about legal issues affecting people with breast cancer.

### LawHelp.org

Pro Bono Net

151 West 30th Street, 10th Floor

New York, NY 10001

[info@lawhelp.org](mailto:info@lawhelp.org)

[www.lawhelp.org](http://www.lawhelp.org)

Helps low to moderate-income people find free legal aid programs in their communities, and answers to questions about their legal rights. Offers state-by-state guides related to housing, work, family, bankruptcy, disability and immigration.

### Judges and Lawyers Breast Cancer Alert

c/o Jennifer Fiorentino, Executive Director

1324 Lexington Avenue, PMB 324

New York, NY 10128

(212) 683-6630 (Hotline)

(212) 289-9720

[www.jalbca.org](http://www.jalbca.org)

An organization of legal professionals bringing information to the community-at-large concerning early diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer.

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[www.patientadvocate.org](http://www.patientadvocate.org)

Patient Advocate Foundation provides professional case management services to Americans with chronic, life threatening and debilitating illnesses. PAF case managers serve as active liaisons between the patient and their insurer, employer and/or creditors to resolve insurance, job retention and/or debt crisis matters as they relate to their diagnosis. This website also has a state by state financial resource guide which provides information for seeking financial assistance for a broad range of needs.

## Community programs

New York Legal Assistance Group  
(212) 613-5000 Ext. 3  
[www.nylag.org](http://www.nylag.org)

NYLAG's mission is to provide free, civil legal services to poor and near poor individuals and families residing in the five boroughs of New York City who would otherwise be unable to access legal assistance. Through their LegalHealth program they provide consulting and legal assistance to projects addressing the needs of people with breast cancer, multiple sclerosis, and other chronic and serious illnesses.

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## EMPLOYMENT ISSUES

[Cancerandcareers.org](http://Cancerandcareers.org)  
[www.cancerandcareers.org](http://www.cancerandcareers.org)

Cancer and Careers offers information and tools to help working women manage their cancer treatment. This website includes a comprehensive online resource database for a variety of cancer-related topics as well as an online brochure with important resources for working women with cancer.

Guide to the Family and Medical Leave Act: Questions and Answers  
(National Partnership for Women and Families)  
(202) 238-4881

[info@nationalpartnership.org](mailto:info@nationalpartnership.org)  
[www.nationalpartnership.org](http://www.nationalpartnership.org)

An online reference guide that provides an in-depth look at the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) rights of patients and caregivers. Patients may request printed copies by emailing [info@nationalpartnership.org](mailto:info@nationalpartnership.org). Available in English and Spanish.

### Job Accommodation Network (JAN)

PO Box 6080

Morgantown, WV 26506-7234

(800) 526-7234

(304) 293-5407

[jan@jan.wvu.edu](mailto:jan@jan.wvu.edu)

[www.jan.wvu.edu](http://www.jan.wvu.edu)

The Job Accommodation Network is a free consulting service of the Office of Disability and Employment Policy that provides information about job accommodations, the ADA and the employability of people with disabilities.

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[www.patientadvocate.org](http://www.patientadvocate.org)

The Patient Advocate Foundation provides assistance to people with cancer regarding employment issues. This website offers a useful online guide to resolving job discrimination.

### Working It Out: Your Employment Rights As A Cancer Survivor

by Barbara Hoffman, JD (National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship, 2002, \$2.00)

1010 Wayne Avenue, Suite 770

Silver Spring, MD 20910

(877) NCCS-YES

(301) 565-9670

[info@canceradvocacy.org](mailto:info@canceradvocacy.org)

[www.canceradvocacy.org](http://www.canceradvocacy.org)

Unfortunately, many cancer survivors experience workplace discrimination. In fact, one survey found that American workers with cancer are fired or laid off five times as often as other workers. This book addresses the employment challenges that many survivors face and offers advice and resources to address those challenges.

### Working with Breast Cancer: Productive Solutions for Employers

(Northern California Cancer Center, 2002)

[www.nccc.org/education/education\\_edpubs\\_bcw.html](http://www.nccc.org/education/education_edpubs_bcw.html) or (888) 315-5988

This is a useful hands-on resource for employers who want ready access to information about the complex regulations and considerations that relate to a chronic disease like breast cancer. Although it is geared towards employers, it offers valuable information for employees about their rights in the workplace.

The guide is available online or you may request a hard copy of it by calling the NCCC.

Also available in Spanish.