

Cancer Association of Anderson

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO PATIENTS

(Note: Limited to residents of Anderson County)

Up to \$1,000 a year can be given to an individual patient **in active cancer treatment** (surgery, chemo or radiation) for medical needs. There are no income guidelines. The patient must complete **and their doctor, a nurse or social worker familiar with their diagnosis must sign** our application form before any aid is given. The patient must sign the release form on the back of the application before we can help them financially. Financial assistance can begin on the day that the completed application (including page 3) is submitted to the Cancer Association of Anderson.

Some of the needs we help with are:

- **Medicine** prescribed by their surgeon or oncologist (not a family doctor), including co-pays and full purchase. Propp Drugs is our preferred vendor for prescription drugs and prescriptions may be charged to our account there. Otherwise, the patient must pay up front at another drug store and submit the prescription information sheet for reimbursement.
- **Medical equipment** such as bedside commodes, walkers, shower chairs and lymphedema compression garments.
- Assistance paying for **medical insurance policies** in order to keep them in effect while the patient is in treatment
- **Nutritional supplements** such as Boost, Ensure and Glucerna
- **Travel** to cancer-related medical appointments will be reimbursed at the rate of 20 cents a mile up to \$100 per month. Up to \$250 can be paid for travel to long-distance medical appointments, depending on distance and duration of stay.

In addition to the direct assistance, we will pay for any cancer patient in Anderson County to complete the Oncology Rehab program at the AnMed LifeChoice Gym. Patients may be in treatment or within a year after completing treatment.

Other Services for Patients

(Note: These non-financial services are available to residents of surrounding counties seeing doctors in Anderson as well as Anderson County residents.)

- Wigs, hats, turbans, caps and headscarves in our Hat and Wig Room
- New and gently used bras and breast prostheses and other mastectomy garments
- Prayer shawls
- Donated medical supplies and equipment, when available
- Referral to local, state and national cancer services
- Enrollment in support groups meeting on-site, including 1 in 8 Breast Cancer Support Group and Sexy Broads (women with cancers “below the waist”). Visit our website, www.cancerassociationanderson.org, for dates and times.
- Monthly patient newsletter