UW Medicine

# **Financial Assistance Resources**

For oncology patients and families

*This is a list of financial resources created to support UWMC Oncology patients and their families.* 

# **Copay Assistance and Medication Assistance Programs**

#### CancerCare Co-Payment & Financial Assistance Program

- http://cancercarecopay.org/eligibility/
- This program grants assistance on a first-come, first-served basis and is not always open for new applications.
- Patients call CancerCare directly to get screened for grants.

## **The HealthWell Foundation**

- www.healthwellfoundation.org/eligibility
- The Foundation grants assistance on a first-come, first-served basis and is not always open for new applications.

#### **Needy Meds**

- www.needymeds.org
- NeedyMeds is a 501(c)(3) national non-profit that connects people to programs that will help them afford their medications and other healthcare costs.

#### **Prescription Drug Savings Programs**

- www.costplusdrugs.com
- www.goodrx.com
- www.rxoutreach.org

#### University of Washington Medical Center Financial Assistance

- www.uwmedicine.org/financialassistance
- You may qualify for financial assistance (help with medical bills) based on your family size and income, even if you have health insurance.
- Assistance is awarded if you meet the financial assistance guidelines. One requirement is that your household income be 300% or less of the federal poverty level.
- If you have bills from other healthcare organizations, please contact them directly to ask if they have a financial assistance program.

# **Non-medical Expenses**

## **The Allyson Whitney Foundation**

- www.allysonwhitney.org/grants/
- The Allyson Whitney Foundation primarily provides young adult cancer patients (16-36) with "Life Interrupted Grants" to ease their financial burden, so that they can concentrate their energy on healing.

## **Cancer Financial Assistance Coalition**

- www.cancerfac.org
- Online database to look for both medical and nonmedical resources.

## **Cancer Lifeline Patient Assistance Fund**

- https://cancerlifeline.org/services/financial-assistance-for-cancerpatients/
- Seattle area organization providing financial assistance to patients and families who have any type of cancer and are within a 3-month window of active treatment.
- You must live or receive treatment in one of the following counties: Clallam, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Lewis, Mason, Pacific, Pierce, Skagit, San Juan, Snohomish, Thurston, Wahkiakum and Whatcom.
- Discuss this with your social worker. They will apply for this grant on your behalf.

# **Kyle Charvat Fund**

- www.kylecharvatfoundation.org/apply.html
- Practical resources for cancer patients between 18-25 years old.

# **Wish Foundations**

## **The Dream Foundation**

- www.dreamfoundation.org/how-to-apply/
- Dream recipients live in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, are 18 and older, are diagnosed with a life-limiting illness with a life expectancy of 12 months or less and lack the resources to fulfill the Dream themselves.

## Stella's Wish

- www.stellaswish.org/submit-a-wish
- The goal of Stella's Wish Foundation is to collect charitable donations to grant wishes for terminally ill cancer patients, ages 18 and above.

## **Case Management Resources**

## **Patient Advocate Foundation Case Management**

- www.patientadvocate.org/connect-with-services/case-managementservices-and-medcarelines
- Non-profit organization which 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.

#### **Questions?**

Your questions are important. Ask your doctor or healthcare provider to connect you with a social worker who can help answer your questions or concerns.

Your provider or social worker's name and number: