



CANCER STATE AID PROGRAM

fact sheet

What is the Georgia Cancer State Aid Program?

The Cancer State Aid Program was established in 1937 by the Georgia legislature at the request of Georgia physicians to provide cancer treatment to uninsured and under-insured, low-income cancer patients. This reimbursement program is available to eligible Georgians who need diagnostic services related to cancer and/or cancer treatment.

The program reimburses a portion of costs incurred by participating facilities for eligible cancer related services provided to enrolled patients. Funding for the program is determined by the Georgia legislature each year.

What services does the Cancer State Aid Program provide?

- Cancer diagnostic and/or treatment services.
- Inpatient and outpatient cancer treatment at participating hospitals.
- Outpatient radiation therapy at participating freestanding centers.
- Chemotherapy and other cancer-related drugs provided by approved private-retail pharmacies.
- Limited home health and medical supplies when prescribed by a participating physician/facility.

What are the requirements for eligibility?

- Must be uninsured or underinsured and in-eligible for full coverage Medicaid.
- Must be U.S. citizen or a qualified alien lawfully admitted to be a permanent resident.
- Must be a resident of Georgia.
- Must meet financial guidelines; family income at or below 300% of federal poverty guidelines.
- Must be medically eligible for the program.
- Must be accepted for treatment by a physician affiliated with a participating facility.
- Patient must receive treatments at a participating facility.

What are the program limitations?

- Patients are prioritized and enrolled based on cancer site, stage of disease and expected treatment outcomes as described in the latest scientific literature and cancer survival rates.
- Applications are reviewed in the order received. Enrollment is limited to the current fiscal year; patients must reapply each fiscal year.
- Reimbursements provided for each patient are based on current treatment needs and available state funding.

How do I apply?

- Designated staff at participating facilities assist patients in completion of the application, document financial and medical eligibility, and submit the application to Cancer State Aid on behalf of the patient. Applications are only accepted from participating facilities, not from patients. Final enrollment decisions are made by the Cancer State Aid Program. Contact the Cancer State Aid Program at 404-463-5111.

<http://health.state.ga.us/programs/cancerstateaid/index.asp>

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