

Payer Resources: Payment Assistance for Cancer Treatment Services

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Patients should always consult their physician for information appropriate to their health status.

1. **American Cancer Society** – Health Insurance and Financial Assistance for the Cancer Patient: provides information about insurance and assistance options. **To contact:** 1-800-227 2345
http://www.cancer.org/docroot/MLT/content/MLT_1x_Medical_Insurance_and_Financial_Assistance_for_the_Cancer_Patient.asp?#Additional_resources
2. **Federal Poverty Guidelines** <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/index.shtml#latest> Web site provides information on current guidelines, and the history and development of the standards.

Medicaid and Medicare Information:

3. **Medicaid** **To contact:** 404-656-4507 <http://dch.georgia.gov/medicaid>
Apply for Medicaid **To contact:** 1-800-809-7276 <http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/medicaid> *Patient's enrolled in the Medicaid program are not eligible for Cancer State Aid (CSA). Medicaid coverage is more comprehensive and is not limited to coverage of cancer treatments only, as is CSA. **County Offices for Application to Medicaid**
<http://dfcs.dhs.georgia.gov/county-offices?vnextoid=eca92b48d9a4ff00VgnVCM100000bf01010aRCRD>
Eligibility for major coverage groups within Medicaid in Georgia:
http://dch.georgia.gov/00/article/0,2086,31446711_31945377_31944881,00.html
4. **Medicare Program** <http://www.medicare.gov/default.aspx> Official US government site for Medicare information. Please note that patients who are eligible to purchase parts B, C, and D of Medicare coverage should do so. **Medicare Savings Programs** help with payment of co-pays and premiums <http://www.medicare.gov/your-medicare-costs/help-paying-costs/medicare-savings-program/medicare-savings-programs.html> For those who need assistance with payment of **Medicare premiums** for coverage levels other than Part A (hospitalization), the Medicaid **Qualified Medicare Beneficiary program** (QMB) **Eligibility Criteria Chart** <http://dch.georgia.gov/eligibility-criteria-chart> part of the Aged, Blind and Disabled Medicaid Program may be able to provide assistance. **GA Medicaid Facts** The most common Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) about Georgia Medicaid Programs. <http://dch.georgia.gov/medicaid-fags>
5. **US Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Programs** (CMS) Programs & General Information <https://www.cms.gov/MedicareGenInfo/>
6. **Medicaid Coverage of Medicare Beneficiaries (Dual Eligibles) at a Glance** Brochure describing how the Medicaid Program will pay for Medicare coverage premiums for eligible applicants. To access this brochure please copy and paste the web address (both lines, below) into the web search field, and press "enter". The file does not open automatically through the hyperlink.
http://www.cms.gov/Outreach-and-Education/Medicare-Learning-Network-MLN/MLNProducts/downloads/Medicare_Beneficiaries_Dual_Eligibles_At_a_Glance.pdf

Information provided by the Center for Medicare Advocacy Inc. <http://www.medicareadvocacy.org/>

People with Medicare & Medicaid Center – To learn more about Medicare Eligibility

<http://www.cms.gov/Center/Special-Topic/People-With-Medicare-and-Medicaid-Center.html>

Medicaid's Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB) is defined as: Aged, blind or disabled individuals who have Medicare Part A (hospital) insurance, and have income less than 100 percent of the federal poverty level and limited resources. Medicaid will pay the Medicare premiums (Parts A & B), coinsurance and deductibles only.

In Georgia: Patients who are eligible for Part B and/or other parts of Medicare and have difficulty meeting the financial demands of paying the premiums and co-payments for that coverage should apply for **Medicaid's "Qualified Medicare Beneficiary" (QMB) program.** <http://dch.georgia.gov/eligibility-criteria-chart>

QMB Income Limits	QMB Resource Limits
Individual - \$978 per month (\$11,736 per year)	Individual - \$7,080
Couple - \$1,313 per month (\$15,756 per year)	Couple - \$10,620

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Resources to assist with obtaining medications: *CSA coverage of medications is limited. Most patients benefit from enrollment in a medication assistance program for high cost medications.

1. **Free and Low-Cost Prescription Programs for Cancer Patients** (Medication Assistance Programs):

Partnership for Prescription Assistance is an organization aimed at helping those who can't afford their medications. They have created a database of over 400 programs and over 5,000 medications available for reduced or no-cost assistance. They help in determining what you are eligible for and applying for the assistance. The service is free and available online. **To contact:** 1-888-477-2669 <http://www.pparx.org/>

Pharmaceutical Companies – List of companies providing Free and Low-Cost Prescription Programs for Cancer Patients http://cervicalcancer.about.com/od/resourcesandsupport/a/treatment_costs.htm

GlaxoSmithKline (GSK) Prescription Drug Assistance **To contact:** 1-866-475-3678 <http://www.gskforyou.com/>

Merck Patient Assistance Program **To contact:** 1-800-994-2111
<http://www.merck.com/merckhelps/patientassistance/home.html>

Pfizer Patient Assistance **To contact:** 1-866-776-3700 <http://www.pfizerhelpfulanswers.com/pages/Find/findall.aspx>
<http://www.pfizer.com/welcome/>

Wyeth and Pfizer Patient Assistance Programs Wyeth is now part of Pfizer
<https://www.pfizerhelpfulanswers.com/pages/misc/pfizerwyethdetails.aspx>

Roche Patient Assistance Foundation **To contact:** 1-877-757-6243 or www.pparx.org
<http://www.gene.com/gene/about/programservices/patientassist.html>
http://www.roche.com/responsibility/patients/access_to_healthcare/developed_countries.htm

Sanofi-Aventis Helps patients having difficulty obtaining their medication, sanofi-aventis offers the Pact+ Program, available at (888) 847-4877, Monday through Friday, 9 am - 8 pm EST. <http://www.sanofi.us//us/en/index.jsp>

Patient Assistance Programs: <https://patientassistanceprogram.sanofi-aventis.us/index.html>

2. **List of resources provided by the American Cancer Society (ACS):** public and private resources that can help patients with the cost of their medicines. Please note: the ACS does not provide direct reimbursements for care or treatment. **To contact:** 1-800-227-2345

http://www.cancer.org/docroot/MIT/content/MIT_3_2x_Prescription_Drug_Assistance_Programs.asp?

3. **Medicare Prescription Drug Plans** Medicare is a Federal Benefit Health Insurance Program for people 65 years of age or older, some disabled people under 65 years, and people with End-Stage Renal Disease (permanent kidney failure treated with dialysis or a transplant). Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage is insurance and may help lower prescription drug costs and help protect against higher costs in the future. You choose the drug plan and pay a monthly premium. **To contact:** 1-800-MEDICARE or 1-800-633-2273 <http://www.medicare.gov/part-d/index.html>

Medicare's **Extra Help** (also known as the Low-Income Subsidy) is available for those who meet certain income and resource limits. If you are eligible, Extra Help can mean significant cost savings on your prescription drugs.
<http://www.ssa.gov/prescriptionhelp/>

4. **Patient Assistance.com** Helps uninsured patients get medications. <http://www.patientassistance.com/>

5. **RxAssist** offers a comprehensive database of patient assistance programs, as well as practical tools, news, and articles so that health care professionals and patients can find the information they need. All in one place. **To contact:** 401-729-3284 <http://www.rxassist.org/>

6. **Rx Outreach** is a patient assistance program that provides affordable medicines for those who qualify financially regardless of age or insurance status. **To contact:** 1-800-769-3880 <http://www.rxoutreach.com/padv/Default1.aspx>

7. **Together Rx Access**™ provides people with no prescription drug coverage savings on the medicines they need. **To contact:** 1-800-444-4106 <http://www.togetherrxaccess.com/> or <http://www.togetherrxaccess.com/p/about-us/contact-us.aspx>

8. **Xubex**® offers assistance to qualified individuals for generic medications through its innovative program. There is no cost to join and no monthly fees. All medications are shipped discreetly to your home, office or trusted family member. **To contact:** 1-866-699-8239 <http://www.xubex.com/>

Resources to assist with obtaining hospital or physician services:

1. **Cancer State Aid, To contact:** 404-463-5111 <http://health.state.ga.us/programs/cancerstateaid/index.asp>

Please note: patients must apply for CSA benefits and program enrollment through a participating facility. Applications for enrollment are only accepted when submitted by a CSA participating facility on behalf of the patient.

To view a list of participating facilities please visit the program web page above and **select "Cancer State Aid Facilities"** on the far right. An Excel file will open with a list of hospitals that may submit an application for you.

2. **Cancer.Net** is a patient information website that provides Oncologist approved cancer information from the American Society of Clinical Oncology. **To contact:** 888-651-3038 <http://www.cancer.net/> [Summary](#) of the issues you should consider as you face paying for treatment and other costs: <http://www.cancer.net/patient/Library/Financial+Resources>
3. **Georgia Association for Primary Healthcare, Inc.** Georgia's CHCs offer a comprehensive range of primary health care and other services including: around the clock care, acute illness treatment, prenatal care, well-child care, physicals, preventive services, health education, nutritional counseling, laboratory, x-ray and pharmacy services....
To contact: 1-877-774-2742 www.gaphc.org

To find a health center near you <http://www.gaphc.org/health-centers>

4. **Georgia Health Partnership** (GHP) is a state-of-the-art electronic health care administration system that gives patients, doctors, pharmacists, and other providers easy, secure and efficient access to health care information. <https://www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal/PubAccess.Home/tabId/36/Default.aspx> **To contact:** 1-800-766-4456 or 404-298-1228

To find a medical provider:

<https://www.mmis.georgia.gov/portal/PubAccess.Member%20Information/Find%20a%20Provider/tabId/49/Default.aspx>

Be sure to confirm that they accept Medicaid or your insurance before making an appointment. If you are already approved for the Cancer State Aid Program or are planning to apply, be sure to ask if they participate in the program.

5. **Georgia Public Health Facilities** that may provide some medical services for conditions unrelated to cancer, and for some screening and referrals for cancer services. To display a list of local public health clinics, offices, and departments view this web page and select a county from the drop down menu; then click on "Submit".
<http://health.state.ga.us/searchregional/countysearch.aspx>
6. **Patient Advocate Foundation** is a national non-profit organization that seeks to safeguard patients through effective mediation assuring access to care, maintenance of employment and preservation of their financial stability relative to their diagnosis of life threatening or debilitating diseases. **To contact:** 1-800-532-5274
<http://www.patientadvocate.org/>
The Foundation also offers a **Co-Pay Relief Program** dependant upon available funds. <http://www.copays.org/>
To contact: 1-866-512-3861
7. **Visiting Nurse Health System** is a nonprofit organization dedicated to helping people manage their health and recover from illness in the comfort of their own home. **To contact:** 770-936-1126 <http://www.vnhs.org/>