

## Payer Resources: Payment Assistance for Cancer Treatment Services

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The Georgia Department of Public Health, Cancer State Aid Unit provides the following website links for informational purposes only and is not responsible for the information found on these websites. Inclusion on this list does not imply endorsement.

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

1. **[American Cancer Society](http://www.cancer.org/docroot/MLT/content/MLT_1x_Medical_Insurance_and_Financial_Assistance_for_the_Cancer_Patient.asp?#Additional_resources)** – 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](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/08poverty.shtml)** <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/08poverty.shtml> Web site provides information on current guidelines, and the history and development of the standards.
3. **[Medicaid](http://dch.georgia.gov/00/channel_title/0,2094,31446711_31944826,00.html)** **To contact:** 404-656-4507 [http://dch.georgia.gov/00/channel\\_title/0,2094,31446711\\_31944826,00.html](http://dch.georgia.gov/00/channel_title/0,2094,31446711_31944826,00.html)  
**[Apply for Medicaid](http://dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov/portal/site/DHR-DFCS/menuitem.8237042e9dbda3aa50c8798dd03036a0/?vgnextoid=4bf8b9a195b4ff00VgnVCM100000bf01010aRCRD&vgnnextchannel=6eb807b35414ff00VgnVCM100000bf01010aRCRD)** **To contact:** 1-800-869-1150 <http://dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov/portal/site/DHR-DFCS/menuitem.8237042e9dbda3aa50c8798dd03036a0/?vgnextoid=4bf8b9a195b4ff00VgnVCM100000bf01010aRCRD&vgnnextchannel=6eb807b35414ff00VgnVCM100000bf01010aRCRD> \*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. A complete list of all county offices for application to Medicaid is located at:  
<http://dfcs.dhr.georgia.gov/portal/site/DHSDFCFS/menuitem.5d32235bb09bde9a50c8798dd03036a0/?vgnextoid=eca92b48d9a4ff00VgnVCM100000bf01010aRCRD>
4. **[Medicare Program](http://www.medicare.gov/default.aspx)** <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. For those who need assistance with payment of Medicare premiums for coverage levels other than Part A (hospitalization), the Medicaid Qualified Medicare Beneficiary program may be able to provide assistance. GA Medicaid Facts  
[http://dch.georgia.gov/00/article/0,2086,31446711\\_32383141\\_163850678,00.html](http://dch.georgia.gov/00/article/0,2086,31446711_32383141_163850678,00.html)
5. **[US Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Programs](https://www.cms.gov/MedicareGenInfo/)** (CMS) Programs & Information <https://www.cms.gov/MedicareGenInfo/>  
**[Medicare/Medicaid Beneficiaries Dual Eligibles At a Glance](http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/Medicare_Beneficiaries_Dual_Eligibles_At_a_Glance.pdf)** Brochure describing Medicaid Program that will pay for Medicare coverage premiums for eligible applicants.  
[http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/Medicare\\_Beneficiaries\\_Dual\\_Eligibles\\_At\\_a\\_Glance.pdf](http://www.cms.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/Medicare_Beneficiaries_Dual_Eligibles_At_a_Glance.pdf)  
**[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 (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/00/channel\\_title/0,2094,31446711\\_31945377,00.html](http://dch.georgia.gov/00/channel_title/0,2094,31446711_31945377,00.html)

QMB Income Limits (4-28-11)	QMB Resource Limits (4-28-11)
Individual - \$928 per month (\$11,360 per year) Couple - \$1,246 per month (\$14,952 per year)	Individual - \$6,680 Couple - \$10,020

**Eligibility for major coverage groups within Medicaid in Georgia:**

[http://dch.georgia.gov/00/article/0,2086,31446711\\_31945377\\_31944881,00.html](http://dch.georgia.gov/00/article/0,2086,31446711_31945377_31944881,00.html)

**Georgia Medicaid facts and related links for more information:**

[http://dch.georgia.gov/00/article/0,2086,31446711\\_32383141\\_163850678,00.html](http://dch.georgia.gov/00/article/0,2086,31446711_32383141_163850678,00.html)

**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://cervicalcancer.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?zi=1/XJ&sdn=cervicalcancer&cdn=health&tm=139&gps=421\\_532\\_1020\\_619&f=10&su=p284.9.336.ip\\_p736.4.336.ip\\_&tt=2&bt=0&bts=0&zu=https%3A//www.pparx.org/Intro.php](http://cervicalcancer.about.com/gi/dynamic/offsite.htm?zi=1/XJ&sdn=cervicalcancer&cdn=health&tm=139&gps=421_532_1020_619&f=10&su=p284.9.336.ip_p736.4.336.ip_&tt=2&bt=0&bts=0&zu=https%3A//www.pparx.org/Intro.php)

**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](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>

**Roche Patient Assistance Foundation** **To contact:** 1-877-757-6243  
<http://www.rocheusa.com/programs/patientassist.asp>

**Sanofi-Aventis** Helps patients having difficulty obtaining their medication, sanofi-aventis offers the Pact+ Program, available at (800) 996-6626, Monday through Friday, 9 am to 8 pm EST. <https://www.pactplusonline.com/>

**Wyeth Patient Assistance Program** **To contact:** 1-800-568-9938  
[http://www.wyeth.com/contact?rid=/wyeth\\_html/home/shared/footer/Patient/contact\\_patient\\_assist.html](http://www.wyeth.com/contact?rid=/wyeth_html/home/shared/footer/Patient/contact_patient_assist.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?](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:** 1-800-634-2273 <http://usgovinfo.about.com/od/federalbenefitprograms/p/meddrugpro.htm>  
  
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.maprx.info/gethelp.html>
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/Tx/jsp/apply.jsp>
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>  
**Participating facilities** 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.

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/portal/site/patient> [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](http://www.gaphc.org)  
**To find a health center near you** <http://www.gaphc.org/index.php?section=15>
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.ghp.georgia.gov/wps/portal> **To contact:** 1-800-766-4456 or 404-298-1228

**Please follow these steps to search for a provider who participates in the Medicaid program:**

- Select the "Directories" tab at the top;
  - Scroll to the "Find Health Care Resources" section and click on "Search for Medical Services", enter your city, state & zip code (minimum information required),
  - Click on "Select Specialty" in the blue box; then choose the first letter of the name of the specialty you are searching for from the alphabetical list at the bottom of the page (select "N-O" for **oncology** to search for cancer care); check the box for the specialty (oncology) your are searching for on the next screen that displays;
  - Click on "Select Specialty" in the blue box at the bottom of the page, then you will return to the address entry screen;
  - Click on "Select Organization" in the blue box; choose the insurance organization that provides your coverage (this will search only for those providers that participate in your reimbursement program);
  - Then click on "Select Organization" in the blue box at the bottom of the page; you will be returned to the address & search screen; select the number of miles of radius you are willing to travel (select the maximum to view more provider names),
  - Then click on "Search" in the blue box. The next screen will have a list of cancer/oncology providers who accept your insurance.
  - Print the list or you may copy and save it to your computer.
  - 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/index.aspx>