

21ST CENTURY C.A.R.E

A Foundation for Cancer Assistance, Research & Education

Fighting cancer together with 21st Century Oncology, one patient at a time.

21st Century Oncology Financial Assistance Program Guidelines

Introduction

As part of 21st Century C.A.R.E.'s mission to provide financial assistance to cancer patients in need, we endeavor to award assistance to eligible patients with a diagnosis of cancer within six (6) months.

Geographic area served

AL, AZ, CA, FL, KY, MA, NC, NV, RI, SC, WA & WV

*(Selected Counties – Please call to verify if we are serving your county)

Assistance Categories

- Transportation
- Respite Care
- Medical supplies/equipment
- Child Care
- Temporary Housing
- Cancer Screening
- Food
- Other

Eligibility

- Must have a social security number
- Must be a legal resident of the United States and living or receiving treatment in the geographic area(s) noted above
- Diagnosis of cancer must be within 6 months

Note: we will telephone the patient's physician of record to verify eligibility

Application and evaluation procedures

An application form must be completed and submitted to the main office of 21st Century C.A.R.E. By fax, e-mail, or regular mail. The following documents must be submitted along with the application:

- Copy of the patient's social security card
- 1st page of tax return (1040, 1040A, 1040EZ) (may be waived if patient does not file taxes)

- Proof of income (wage or social security/disability statements)

Once all the requested information is received, the application will be processed. Assistance is made on a case-by-case basis by 21st Century C.A.R.E.'s Financial Assistance Committee. Assistance will be awarded without regard to race, national origin, gender, or sexual orientation. All information received will be confidential.

Each application is valid for one year from the signature date of the application.

After one year, if a new cancer is diagnosed the patient may re-apply.

There is a \$300 maximum limit per patient, per year. This does not apply to special programs including:

- Scope for Hope – Colorectal Cancer (Southwest Florida)
- Head & Neck Cancer (Southwest Florida)
- Cancer Support Center (Casa Grande)

Lodging: for lodging requests, the patient must complete and sign a separate lodging form that must be submitted with the regular application. Reservations will be guaranteed for one night only. Additional nights will be provided as approved by the Financial Assistance Committee if the patient is compliant as specified on the Lodging Form.

Medical Supplies: if requesting medical supplies the Medical Supply Form must be completed and submitted with the regular application. An order may be requested from the patient's physician. It is the responsibility of the referring office to provide the details such as model #s, serial #s, full description of the item, name of medical supply company, etc. It is imperative that we be provided with all information so that the correct item(s) may be purchased.

Payment is dependent on availability of funds and may be suspended at any time due to unavailability of funds.

Individual markets are strongly encouraged to hold fundraising events in their areas so we may continue to provide services to your patients. All funds raised in your area will be returned to your area.