

Transportation Assistance

The following resources provide low or no-cost transportation assistance to patients and families or offer financial assistance related to travel. These services can be used when the medical facility is located a distance away from the patient's home. Depending on availability, patients may use these services to seek out second opinions or to participate in clinical trials. Unfortunately, these services cannot be used to transport relatives to visit an ill family member. Please be aware that most of these flights listed use smaller, unpressurized airplanes, so a physician's release is necessary and alternate travel plans should be made in case of inclement weather.

Air Care Alliance

888-260-9707

www.aircareall.org

Provides referrals to charitable, long-distance, or air medical transport options.

American Airlines Miles for Kids in Need

817-963-8118

www.aa.com/milesforkids

Provides transportation for seriously ill children up to the age of 18 in need of conventional medical treatment. Patient must be recommended by a social worker.

Amtrak

800-USA-RAIL

www.amtrak.com

Travelers with impaired mobility are allowed a 15 percent discount on round trip travel with appropriate documentation. Travelers must book via telephone or ticket counter to receive the discount.

CancerCare

800-813-HOPE

www.cancercare.org

Offers financial assistance for transportation costs associated with treatment for patients with malignant tumors.

Children's Miracle Network

801-278-8900

www.childrensmiraclenetwork.org

Financial assistance for transportation associated with medical treatment may be available at a local Children's Miracle Network Hospital. When you call the national office telephone number, you will be referred to the local program director at a local Children's Miracle Network Hospital. The local program director will help locate financial assistance for transportation to medical treatment, if funds are available.



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Continental Airlines

800-468-7022

Provides transportation for patients being treated at MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas.

Corporate Angel Network

866-328-1313

www.corpangelnetwork.org

Corporate jets transporting cancer patients for treatment. Patients must be ambulatory.

Faith in Action

877-324-8411

www.fianationalnetwork.org

Faith in Action provides volunteers to help care for those who are disabled or face long-term health conditions. The volunteers may assist by providing a ride to the doctor, running errands or just providing company.

First Hand Foundation

816-201-1569

<http://www.cerner.com/firsthand/>

Will provide financial assistance for transportation for families with children up to the age of 18 seeking medical treatment.

Free Gas USA, Inc.

www.freegasusa.org

A nationwide non-profit assistance program for low-income people having trouble paying for gasoline. Applications can be made for gas grant cards that range in value from \$50 to \$1200, depending on need and circumstances. In order to be eligible for a gas card a person's yearly income must be at or below the "very low limit" category as defined by the US Department of HUD. An income calculator is available at the website. Applications are only available online, must be substantiated by a human service agency and applicants must be residents of the United States.

Hope Air

877-346-4673

www.hopeair.org

Provides free air transportation to Canadians in financial need that must travel from their own communities to recognized facilities for medical care.



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Jesica's Hope Chest

www.4jhc.org

Jesica's Hope Chest is dedicated to helping critically ill children and families with costs which are beyond what is normally covered by private insurance and/or government assistance programs. Through their monthly grant program they provide funds for transportation during treatment.

Miracle Flights For Kids

800-FLY-1711

www.miracleflights.org

Provides air transportation for medical treatment for medically stable children and adults.

Mission4Maureen

216-691-1281

www.mission4maureen.com

Mission4Maureen is dedicated to providing financial assistance to families who are burdened with the staggering cost of brain cancer treatment. Financial aid is available transportation and other areas of assistance. An application with supporting documentation is required.

National Children's Cancer Society

800-5-FAMILY

www.nationalchildrenscancersociety.org

Financial assistance available for reasonable transportation costs in conjunction with medical treatment.

National Patient Travel Center

800-296-1217

www.patienttravel.org

Provides information about all forms of charitable, long distance medical air transportation.

No Wooden Nickels

888-842-2654

www.nowoodennickels.org

Provides assistance to cancer patients for transportation assistance to and from treatment and parking costs.

Northwest Airlines

800-328-1111

Offers reduced airfares for patients being treated at MD Anderson Cancer Center, Houston, TX; Mayo Clinic, Rochester, MN and Phoenix, AZ; St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Memphis, TN.



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Operation Lift Off

314-298-9770

www.operationliftoff.com

Provides air transportation to medical care and treatment centers for children with a life-threatening illness.

Rise Above It

www.raibenefit.org

RAI is focused on providing financial assistance to young adult patients battling cancer. Patients need to have been diagnosed between the ages of 18 and 39 and must be undergoing or actively pursuing clinical trial treatment options.

Surviving and Moving Forward: The Samfund for Young Adult Survivors of Cancer

www.thesamfund.org

Provide various grants to young adult survivors, ages 18-35, to help supplement the money that they and their families have lost during treatment, and pay for specific transitional issues, such as car insurance, public transportation costs, as well as transportation costs associated with job interviews and school interviews.

In addition. . .

Many airlines offer bereavement fares to those traveling for funerals. Passengers must purchase tickets at regular fare, and then will receive a partial reimbursement upon verification of death, i.e., obituary or death certificate.

- For local transportation assistance, try your local American Cancer Society, Catholic Charities, Area Agency on Aging or United Way office. Many divisions have volunteers that provide transportation assistance or reimbursement.
- Hospitals may provide cab or bus vouchers for patients. Or offer van services for outpatients. Contact the social worker at your treatment facility to ask if these programs exist there.
- Check with local park districts, city offices or transit authority to see if they have vans or mediacars available at low or no cost.
- Many nationwide car rental companies offer cars with hand controls, some may also have vans with wheelchair lifts. Locations require advance reservations for vehicles with these options.



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