

Housing Resources

Internet version of this handout with active resource links at: <http://cancer-help.me/housing>

Help with short-term housing near the cancer treatment center

Some treatment centers have short-term housing possibilities or discount arrangements with nearby motels and hotels. Ask your social worker or oncology nurse who may have ideas for low-cost housing during hospital or clinic treatment.

Help with housing needs or mortgage payments when you have cancer

The extra costs of cancer treatment or a major loss of family income may make it hard for families to pay their mortgage or rent on time. To keep a good credit rating and stay in your home, talk with your creditor or landlord about your situation and try to make special arrangements. Family, friends, or church members may be able to give you short-term help if they're told about the problem. Talk about your situation with the cancer treatment team social worker who may know of special resources.

Families who need to move out of their homes after a cancer diagnosis should talk with their county department of social services to find out if they can get into low-cost or government-supported housing programs. In some states this may be listed under the health department or welfare department.

See Resources for Additional Information below for housing resources and help with paying for housing.

Adapted from websites below

Resources for Additional Information:

General Cancer Resources

- [American Cancer Society, Programs and Resources to Help With Cancer-related Expenses](#) Ph: 800-227-2345
- [Livestrong, Navigate Your Cancer Journey](#)

Financial Resources

- [PAF, Patient Advocate Foundation, National Finance Resource Directory](#)
- [Social Security Disability Benefits](#)
- [Illinois Department of Human Services](#)
- [City of Chicago Emergency Rental Assistance](#)
- [CancerCare Financial Assistance Program](#) Ph: 800-813-4673
- [The Pink Fund for breast cancer](#) Ph: 877-234-7465
- [CancerCare, Financial Assistance Program](#) Ph: 800-813-4673

Short-Term Housing Resources

- [Illinois Medical District Guest House](#)
- [The Catholic Charities, Housing Services](#)
- [Joe's House, Lodging Guide for Cancer Patients](#)
- [American Cancer Society Hope Lodge®](#) Ph: 800-227-2345
- [American Cancer Society, Extended Stay America Leave a Key help save a lifeSM](#) Ph: 800-227-2345
- [The Boulevard, Medical Respite for Chicago homeless](#)
- [All Chicago, making homelessness history](#)
- [Thresholds, for pts with co-occurring mental illness](#)

Información Española

- [American Cancer Society, ¿Cómo pueden los familiares y amigos ayudar a mis hijos?](#)