

Having a place to stay during your cancer treatment.

Having a place to stay or finding a place to stay during a cancer diagnosis and treatment is important. You may find you need help with this.

Here are resources that may assist you find and/or keep a place to call home.

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

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.

Content 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 Rental Assistance](#)
- [Cancercare Managing the Cost of Cancer](#)
- [The Pink Fund for breast cancer](#) Ph: 877-234-7465

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](#)

Recursos en Español:

- [American Cancer Society Program as y recursos para ayudar con los gastos relacionados con el cancer](#)
- [CancerCare.org, En Español](#)