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UVSC Financial Assistance Program Guidelines Beneficiary Eligibility and Selection

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UVSC is a Hawaii-based 501(c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to provide hope by raising funds for individuals fighting cancer, as well as supporting cutting-edge research for a cure. At UVSC, our team understands that to fight cancer effectively, both money and community support are needed. Having a family member in cancer treatment can be extremely stressful in many ways.

UVSC's Financial Assistance Program is designed to relieve some of the financial stress associated with experiencing cancer treatment or having a family member in cancer treatment. This program is funded through private donations and grants from the community and is managed by UVSC under the supervision of its Board of Directors.

These guidelines describe the specific process through which eligible individuals and families may apply for financial assistance from UVSC, and the types of expenses that will be considered by UVSC for reimbursement.

UVSC uses the information gathered during this process to better understand the needs of cancer patients and seek funds to meet those needs. We sincerely appreciate your honest responses and feedback to help us continually improve our services and program.

A. PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

Persons eligible to apply for UVSC Financial Assistance must be:

1. A resident of Hawaii (*must show proof of ID); AND
2. An individual receiving cancer treatment:
 - in Hawaii; or
 - out-of-state
3. Parents/legal guardians or caregivers of a Child (defined as a person who is diagnosed with any form of cancer through the 21st year of age or a person up to 25 years of age diagnosed with a pediatric cancer as determined by a treating oncologist) of that described in 2 above.

UVSC complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex (including pregnancy, sexual orientation, and gender identity).

B. ELIGIBILITY PERIOD AND ASSISTANCE LIMITS

1. The Eligibility Period begins on the date of initial cancer diagnosis and ends at 24 months post Active Treatment, or death of the patient.
2. Assistance Limits:
 - a. Assistance is limited to a 12-month period (starting from the date of the first Reimbursement Request)
 - b. Assistance limits are further defined by stage of treatment as follows:



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c. Treatment Category (as verified by referring medical professional)

- **Category I: Active Treatment**

- Active Treatment includes oncology treatment and/or end-of-life care confirmed by the health care provider.
- First 12 months after initial cancer diagnosis, relapse, or transplant:
 - \$10,000 limit
- **Total assistance is limited to \$10,000 per 12-month period.**

- **Category II: Off Therapy**

- Up to 24 months post Active Treatment
- **Total assistance is limited to \$5,000 per 12-month period.**

C. HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

1. Applications Accepted: Rolling deadlines as determined by UVSC.

- After each application period closes, UVSC will not review any applications until the following application period. *If funds are available, UVSC may extend or re-open the Application Period.
- Applications received after the Application Period is closed will be kept on file and evaluated in the next application review period. However, applicants are encouraged to submit a new application during the next Application Period to ensure all information is updated.

2. Complete and submit the following to apply for the Financial Assistance Program:

- Financial Assistance Application Form
- Provider Referral Form– signed by treating medical professional
- Authorization to Release Information Form – signed
- Evidence of Financial Need – Must include at least two of the following: bank statements, pay stub, W2 (or other annual tax filing), financial aid/scholarship award letters, or other documentation to support applicant's Statement of Financial Need

3. Notification

- UVSC will confirm receipt of all applications within three business days.
- UVSC will notify all Financial Assistance Program applicants of selection status as soon as possible and no later than Dec. 15 of the application year.

D. ALLOWABLE EXPENSES

What Expenses Are Considered for Assistance?

The intended purpose of this program is to: help relieve some of the financial stress associated with receiving cancer treatment or supporting and caring for a family member receiving cancer treatment. UVSC aims to help families cover out-of-pocket (OOP) expenses that are incurred due to cancer treatment and/or to help pay for basic necessities that families struggle to meet due to income disruption related to cancer treatment.

**NOTE: UVSC resources are limited. Any and all financial assistance requests may be subject to budgetary restrictions and availability of funds as approved by its Board of Directors.*

The following are examples of expenses that are considered for reimbursement under UVSC Financial



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Assistance Program guidelines:

- A. Expenses incurred because of receiving cancer treatment or having a child/family member receiving cancer treatment:
1. Cancer-related medical expenses not covered by insurance, e.g., alternative or experimental therapies
 2. Travel expenses directly related to cancer treatment (airfare, ground transportation & lodging including hotel, short-term rental housing, relocation costs, etc.)
 3. Tutoring/counseling and other education expenses during cancer treatment.
 4. Childcare for siblings during cancer treatment
 5. Childcare to provide respite for adult cancer patient with children
 6. Transportation expenses incurred during cancer treatment (Uber, Lyft, taxis, car rentals and gas, parking)
 7. Meals consumed in the hospital during cancer treatment, or during medically required travel. Maximum daily reimbursement of \$75/per person (including patient and/or parent(s)/caregiver(s). Alcoholic beverages are strictly excluded.
 8. Housecleaning services
 9. Pet care services and supplies
 10. Critical car repairs necessary to maintain a vehicle's safe and working condition to obtain cancer treatment
 11. Rental security deposits as related to relocation costs associated with cancer treatment
 12. Items/devices/supplies for the home or recovery environment beneficial to cancer treatment (e.g. air purifiers)
- B. Basic necessities affected by treatment-related income disruption:
1. Rent or mortgage payments to prevent eviction or foreclosure of primary residence during cancer treatment
 2. Essential utility bills such as water, electricity, gas, or cell phone – to prevent shutoff of services during cancer treatment

Specific exclusions from financial assistance

- Recreational drugs, tobacco, electronic cigarettes and alcoholic beverages
- Clothing
- Legal fees of any kind
- Expenses that have been or intended to be submitted for reimbursement by any other source including public or private agencies or flexible spending plans.

E. EXCEPTIONS AND APPEALS

- UVSC resources are limited. Any and all financial assistance requests may be subject to budgetary restrictions and availability of funds as approved by its Board of Directors.
- UVSC reserves the right to deny financial assistance requests that it considers to be unreasonable.
- UVSC may, in its discretion, consider exceptions to the above guidelines based upon review of a signed letter of request attesting to circumstances warranting special consideration.



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