

## BRAIN TUMOR RESOURCES:

**American Brain Tumor Association** | <https://www.abta.org/> | 800.886.2282

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## FINANCIAL RESOURCES:

The following website to check for resources that you may be eligible for: **Cancer Financial Assistance Coalition** <https://www.cancerfac.org/> It's very easy to use. Type in your diagnosis, zip code and the type of assistance you are looking for (financial, utilities, medication co-pays, etc.) – several organizations should pop up.

If you have any questions about your insurance, financial resources, and/or bills, please contact the **oncology financial counseling team** at **312.926.9427**.

The billing department's phone number is **312.926.6900** if you want to inquire if you have any outstanding bills or set up a payment plan.

### **Mission4Maureen**

Dedicated to providing financial assistance to families who are burdened with the staggering cost of brain cancer treatment. Financial aid is available for medical bills as well as childcare, housing payments, utility bills, transportation, medication and other areas of assistance. An application with supporting documentation is required. | 440-840-6497 | [www.mission4maureen.org](http://www.mission4maureen.org)

### **Brain Tumor Co-Pays**

The Brain Tumor Drug Copayment Assistance Program, a program of the **Musella Foundation for Brain Tumor Research & Information, Inc.**, provides financial assistance to families who need help covering the cost of certain drugs used to treat Primary Malignant Brain Tumors (Grade 3 or 4). There is no fee for this assistance, and you will not be obligated to pay it back in any way. We will never tell you which treatment to use, which doctor to use or which pharmacy to use! Although insurance is required to apply to this program, we DO cover you if you use pharmacies that do not accept your insurance - so you can shop around and use the pharmacies that charge less than your copay! <https://www.braintumorcopays.org>

### **PAN Foundation Glioblastoma Fund**

Assistance available for those diagnosed with Glioblastoma. Covers medications or products on PAN Foundation's list of covered medications. Applicants must have health insurance and have income that is at or below 500% of the Federal Poverty Level. Fund opens and closes periodically. When closed, sign up for notifications on website. | <https://www.panfoundation.org>

### **Allyson Whitney Foundation**

The Allyson Whitney Foundation primarily provides grants to young adult (age 16-36) patients with rare cancer diagnoses. Grants help cover unanticipated expenses including transportation, hotels, rent, medical expenses, fertility options, integrative therapies, and wigs. | [www.allysonwhitney.org](http://www.allysonwhitney.org)

### **Lazarex Cancer Foundation**

Offer financial assistance; transportation, lodging, relocation expenses, medical expenses not covered by insurance for patients participating in clinical trials. | 925-820-4517 | [www.lazarex.org](http://www.lazarex.org)

### **Modest Needs**

Modest Needs offers Self-Sufficiency Grants to qualified individuals / households who need help to afford two specific

types of expenses: Unexpected or emergency expenses that an individual or family living paycheck-to-paycheck could not possibly afford without a short-term hand-up, and monthly bills that an individual or family living paycheck-to-paycheck cannot afford to pay at the time of their application because of a documentable extenuating circumstance that occurred within the past year. 844-667-3776 | [www.modestneeds.org](http://www.modestneeds.org)

### **Netwish**

Provides assistance up to \$500.00 for those who are able to demonstrate a financial need. | [www.netwish.org](http://www.netwish.org)

### **Catholic Charities, USA**

Some local offices have limited funding available to provide emergency financial assistance.  
703-549-1390 | [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org)

### **Salvation Army**

Local units can offer emergency financial assistance to families | 703-684-5500 | [www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org)

### **Meals On Wheels**

Coordinates thousands of programs throughout the United States dedicated to delivering meals to those who are homebound. Some programs require a small donation. Each program determines eligibility.  
800-677-1116 | <https://www.mealsonwheelsamerica.org>

### **Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

Helps low-income households meet their home energy needs | 866-674-6327 | [www.acf.hhs.gov/programs](http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs)

## **MEDICATIONS | RX**

### **Healthwell Foundation**

The foundation helps to bridge the gap by providing financial assistance to eligible patients to cover certain out-of-pocket costs related to copayments, deductibles and insurance premiums. At this time, only Glioblastom and Anaplastic Astrocytoma brain tumors are covered. Visit website to see other medical conditions covered.  
800-675-8416 | [www.healthwellfoundation.org](http://www.healthwellfoundation.org)

### **Partnership for Prescription Assistance**

Offers a single point of access to more than 475 public, state and private patient assistance programs, including more than 200 programs offered by pharmaceutical companies | <https://www.helpingpatients.org/gethelp>

### **Patient Advocate Foundation**

Their Co-Pay Relief Program offers co-payment assistance to patients with brain cancer. Program accepts calls beginning the first business day of each month until funds are depleted. Providers can also apply on behalf of their patients online. 866-512-3861 | [www.copays.org](http://www.copays.org)

### **Needy Meds**

Needy Meds is a non-profit organization with the mission of helping people who cannot afford medicine or health care costs. The Needy Meds website provides a comprehensive database to search for available prescription assistance programs for both brand name and generic prescriptions. Application forms are also available for certain

prescription assistance programs. Needy Meds also provides information about disease-based assistance programs, discount drug cards and government programs | [www.needymeds.com](http://www.needymeds.com)

### **Rx Assist**

Rx Assist is a pharmaceutical access information center created by Volunteers in Health Care (VIH) a national resource center for safety net organizations. Rx Assist provides a comprehensive database of prescription assistance programs with application forms available at the website. Information is also available on low-cost prescriptions, co-pay assistance and Medicare Part D | 401.729.3284 | [www.rxassist.org](http://www.rxassist.org)

### **Marc Cuban Cost Plus Drugs**

At Mark Cuban Cost Plus Drug Company, we offer hundreds of common (and often lifesaving) medications at the lowest possible prices. With all medications listed on our site, you will need to request a new prescription from your U.S.-based provider to place an order | <https://www.markcubancostplusdrugcompany.com>

### **CancerCare**

Offers financial assistance for transportation costs associated with treatment for patients with malignant tumors. 800.813.HOPE | [www.cancercare.org](http://www.cancercare.org)

### **Weish4Ever**

The Andrew Weishar (pronounced Wisher) Foundation provides financial relief to families with adolescents or young adults (AYA = 15 – 39 years old) battling cancer. A simple mission with a powerful and immediate impact.

[Maggie@Weish4Ever.org](mailto:Maggie@Weish4Ever.org) | Cell: 708.205.6429

### **PRIVATE DUTY CAREGIVER AGENCIES:**

Amada Care:	312.971.9468
Arosa:	847.470.1703
Home Staff Inc:	773.467.6002
First Time Home Care:	773.625.8365
Senior Bridge:	312.329.9060
Interim Health Care:	630.359.6660
St. Rita's Private Duty:	708:535.6690
Visiting Angels:	800.365.4189
Bright Star:	708.551.2500
Innovative Homecare:	844.404.0100
LivHome:	847.470.1703

### **Cancer and Careers** | <https://www.cancerandcareers.org/en>

In addition to our programs, events and online content, Cancer and Careers offers a comprehensive database of helpful resources.

### **Triage Cancer** | <https://triagecancer.org>

Providing free education on the legal and practical issues that arise after a cancer diagnosis.

### **RESOURCES FOR PSYCHOLOGY, PSYCHIATRY AND THERAPY:**

**Psychology Today** is a great online resource (<https://www.psychologytoday.com/us>). You can find a therapist by your insurance type and zip code. What is nice about the website is each therapist has a bio, so you can read a bit about him/her. I suggest looking for someone who specializes in cancer or chronic illness.

I also suggest calling your insurance and asking for referrals.  
Ask your PCP if she has a referral for you.

Please be sure that whomever you work with - takes your insurance.

**NW department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences Outpatient Clinic: 312.695.5060**

<https://www.nm.org/conditions-and-care-areas/behavioral-health/behavioral-health-services-downtown> | (Hard to get appointments)

**Norman and Ida Stone Institute of Psychiatry: 312.926.8200**

<https://www.nm.org/conditions-and-care-areas/behavioral-health/behavioral-health-services-downtown/psychiatric-inpatient-services-downtown> | (Hard to get appointments)

**University of Chicago Medicine** | Department of Psychiatry 888.824.0200

**Clarity Clinic:** 312.815.9660 | <https://www.claritychi.com>

**Meridian Psychiatric Partners Intake:** 312.640.7743

<https://meridianpsychiatricpartners.com>

**Community Counseling Centers of Chicago (C4)** Many locations Appointments: 773.769.0205 |

<https://www.c4chicago.org>

**Northwestern Medicine Living Well Cancer Resources Geneva**

442 Williamsburg Avenue | Geneva, IL 60134 | 630.933.7860

**Northwestern Medicine Living Well Cancer Resources Warrenville**

4525 Weaver Parkway, Suite 103 | Warrenville, IL 60555 | 331.732.4900

**Wellness House:** 131 N County Line Road | Hinsdale, IL 60521 | <https://wellnesshouse.org> | 630.323.5150

**Compass Health Center:** <https://compasshealthcenter.net/locations/chicago/>

2500 West Bradley Place | Chicago, IL 60618 | 877.492.0170

Recommended resources in private practice who worked at Northwestern:

**Sarah Rosenbloom, Ph.D. & Associates** | 312.834.3575 | Email: [sarah@sarahrosenbloomphd.com](mailto:sarah@sarahrosenbloomphd.com)

**Wendy E Charness, Ph.D** | 312.548.9270

**Gina Baldacci, LCSW** | 872.219.2589

**Referrals for Individual therapy that may take Medicaid Insurance**

UIC Adult Services | Department of Psychiatry 312.996.2200

Advocate Illinois Masonic Behavioral Health Services 773.296.3220

University of Chicago Medicine | Department of Psychiatry 888.824.0200

DePaul Family and Community Services 773.325.7780

C4Community Counseling Centers of Chicago 773.769.0205

Northeast Family Services Illinois 224.275.1712

Chicago Family Behavioral Health 773.768.5000

**National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** 800.273.8255 | Text GO to 741741

**Crisis Intervention for Domestic Violence Victims at Northwestern:** 312.472.1150 | 24/7: 877.863.6339

<https://www.cawc.org/hospital-crisis-intervention-project/>

## **LODGING:**

**Hyatt Centric** | 633 N St Clair Street | 888.591.1234 | [CHIMM-PatientAssistanceReservations@hyatt.com](mailto:CHIMM-PatientAssistanceReservations@hyatt.com)  
[lindsay.wilson@hyatt.com](mailto:lindsay.wilson@hyatt.com) | 312.274.4453 [anne.bahr@hyatt.com](mailto:anne.bahr@hyatt.com) | 312.274.4438

**Fairfield Inn and Suites by Marriott** Derek Dymbroski | 216 East Ontario | Chicago, IL 60611  
[ddymbrowski@smashotels.com](mailto:ddymbrowski@smashotels.com) | 312.787.3777

## **DENTAL:**

**Cook County Health – Department of Oral Health | Dr. Jorelle Alexander, DMD, MPH**  
Outpatient Dental Appointment Access

We are happy to offer general dental and oral surgery services to the patients at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Our outpatient clinics are open Monday-Friday from 8-4:30 with some clinics offering extended hours. Your patients may access care at any of our outpatient dental clinics referenced on our flyer. Patients at NMH will have priority access to care just as our CCH patients.

NMH staff or patients may contact either of these three individuals directly where the following staff are ready and able to assist with scheduling at any of our clinics. They are as follows:

Patricia Brown | Robbins Health Center | 708.293.8102 | [patricia.brown2@cookcountyhealth.org](mailto:patricia.brown2@cookcountyhealth.org)

Sonia Garcia | Professional Building Dental Clinic | 312.864.3999 | [sonia.garcia@cookcountyhhs.org](mailto:sonia.garcia@cookcountyhhs.org)

Lorenza Vivanco | Arlington Heights Dental Clinic | 847.506.4030 | [lvivanco@cookcountyhhs.org](mailto:lvivanco@cookcountyhhs.org)

NMH staff and patients should identify themselves as such. Should you have any difficulty or need assistance I can be reached at 773-383-7827 or by NMH pager at 312.271.0170.

## **Dental Lifeline Network**

This organization offers a Donated Dental Services (DDS) program. DDS tends to the dental needs of the disabled, elderly or medically compromised individuals who cannot afford the necessary dental treatment. Their website offers contact information for each state to help you locate a participating program in your area. | 303.534.5360

<https://dentallifeline.org>

## **PRIMARY CARE PHYSICIANS REFERRAL LOCATIONS & PHONE NUMBERS:**

To schedule, please call us:

Downtown Chicago Locations: 312.926.3627

Northern Suburb Locations: 847.535.7157

Western Suburb Locations: 630.933.4234

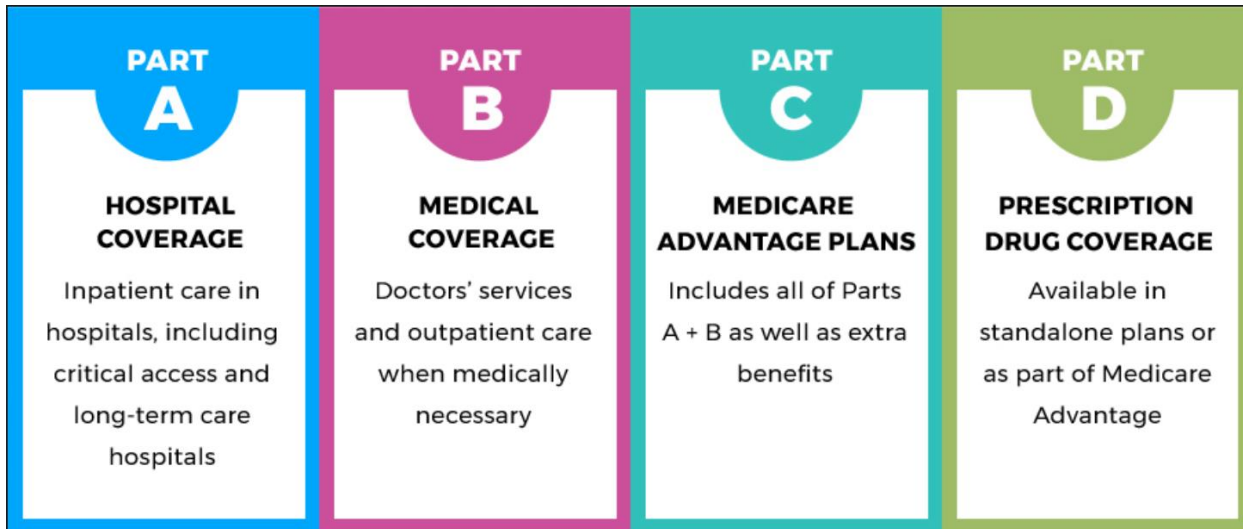
Greater Dekalb County Locations: 815.758.8671

Northwest Suburb Locations: 815.338.6600

South Suburb Locations: 708.923.7874

South Suburb (Mokena) Location: 779.334.0200

## MEDICARE:



**A** is free.

**B** comes out of your social security.

**C** *Advantage Plan or a traditional SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN*  
(ask SHIP counselors to explain)

**D** prescription drugs

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**SHIP Counseling (Senior Health Counseling) | 800.252.8966 | <https://ilaging.illinois.gov/ship.html>**

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SHIP counselors help consumers by answering questions about Medicare, Medicare Supplement, long term care insurance, Medicare HMOs, private fee-for-service and other health insurance; Organize and assist in filing Medicare and Medicare Supplement claims; and analyze Medicare Supplement and long-term care policies. SHIP counselors also, explain the coverage gap – also known as “the donut hole.”

Medicare Open Enrollment for coverage beginning January 1, 2025, starts **October 15 to December 7, 2024.**

CMS anticipates releasing the 2024 premium and cost-sharing information for 2024 Medicare Advantage and Part D plans in September 2024.

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**MEDICAID:** <https://www.medicaid.gov>

### SOME AYA INFORMATION

**My Hometown Heroes:** <https://myhometownheroes.org/scholarship/>

**National Collegiate Cancer Foundation:** <https://collegiatecancer.org>

**The Simon Cancer Foundation:** <http://www.thescf.org>

**Cancer for College:** <https://cancerforcollege.org>

**finaid:** <https://finaid.org/scholarships/cancer/>