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Insurance

People who have had cancer can still qualify for life insurance, but it will likely be more difficult than before. Getting coverage often depends on the insurance company you're dealing with, since each has different requirements based on the type of cancer you had or how long you've been out of treatment.

Some insurance companies require that you be five or more years out of treatment before issuing you a policy, while others look closely at the type of cancer you had and grant policies based on statistical formulas they maintain.

It's important to research the different companies and to check with your employer, who sometimes can provide a plan as part of your company benefits package.

Find out more about insurance-related issues.

- [National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship \(NCCS\) Insurance](#)

NCCS offers valuable information on what cancer survivors need to know about health insurance.

- [Georgetown University Health Policy Institute](#)

This organization's consumer guide provides insight on getting and keeping health insurance in each state and in the District of Columbia.

- [The Patient Advocate Foundation](#)

This national nonprofit organization offers cancer survivors resources and counseling about health insurance.

- [LegalHealth](#)

Among the free legal services to patients within the medical setting that this organization provides are individual consultations, advice and counseling, direct representation, and referrals to other legal services or private attorneys. A number of New York City hospitals offer weekly legal clinics.

- Insurance Information from the Lance Armstrong Foundation

This foundation provides information on disability income insurance, individual and group health insurance, life insurance, and property and casualty insurance.

- [Healthcare.gov](#)

Managed by the US Department of Health and Human Services, this website provides information on understanding the Affordable Care Act, passed on March 23, 2010.

Employment

For some cancer survivors, looking for a new job or reentering the job market can be a challenging experience. Unless you have physical or mental disabilities that limit the type of work you can do, your experience with cancer shouldn't affect your ability to get a job.

Here are some answers to common questions for workers.

Am I obligated to tell my employer about my cancer diagnosis or medical history?

How do I explain a gap in my resume as a result of undergoing cancer treatments?

Are there any laws protecting my rights if I feel I am being discriminated against at work?

What other employment-related resources are available to me as a cancer survivor?

Financial Assistance

Learn about the many finance-related resources available to you as a cancer survivor.

- **Finances from the Lance Armstrong Foundation**
The Lance Armstrong Foundation provides detailed information on topics such as assessing your financial situation, investment planning, and credit for survivors.
- [The National Financial Resources Guidebook for Patients](#)
The Patient Advocate Foundation offers a state-by-state directory of information for patients seeking financial relief for a broad range of needs, including housing, utilities, food, and transportation to medical treatment.
- [Off Treatment: Financial Guidance for Cancer Survivors and Their Families](#)

The American Cancer Society provides information to help cancer survivors and their families make sound, informed decisions for their financial well-being.

Educational Scholarships

A number of education scholarships are available to cancer survivors.

- [FinAid Cancer Scholarships](#)
This website contains information about scholarships for cancer patients and survivors, children of cancer patients or survivors, students who've lost a parent to cancer, and students pursuing careers in cancer treatment.
- [Patient Advocate Foundation](#)
The Scholarships for Survivors Program at this organization offers scholarships to students who are survivors of a life-threatening, chronic, or debilitating disease. Recipients must pursue a course of study that renders them immediately employable after receiving a two-year, four-year, or advanced-studies degree. Call [800-532-5274](tel:800-532-5274) for more information.
- [Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation of the United States](#)
This foundation offers scholarships to students who've been diagnosed with a childhood brain and/or spinal cord tumor. Explore the site or call [800-253-6530](tel:800-253-6530) for more information.
- [The SAMFund](#)
Cancer survivors applying for scholarships from the Surviving and Moving Forward Fund must be between the ages of 17 and 35, and living in the United States. Explore the site, email info@thesamfund.org , or call [617-938-3484](tel:617-938-3484) for more information.
- [The Ulman Cancer Fund](#)
The National College Scholarship Program offers educational funding to young adult cancer survivors and young adults affected by the diagnosis or loss of a parent to cancer. Scholarships

include the Matt Stauffer Memorial, the Marilyn Yetso Memorial, the Vera Yip Memorial, and the Satola Family Scholarships, all of which are available to applicants that are permanent residents of Washington, DC, Maryland, or Virginia, or who are from another state but planning to attend an educational institution in Maryland, Virginia, or Washington, DC.

- [The Daniel Sadagursky Scholarship Fund Inc.](#)

The Sadagursky family will present an annual award to a pediatric cancer patient at Memorial Sloan Kettering or the siblings of that person who plans on attending a four year college or university.

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