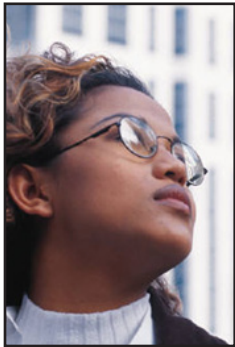


## Areas to Research:

**Physician's billing offices** often have resources that can help you obtain financial coverage for certain medications or treatments if you are having trouble with the cost of your care. Do not be afraid to let your doctor know if you cannot afford certain services. Doctors cannot help if you do not tell them. Many oncologists are aware of research protocols that you may participate in which can provide medications or treatments at a lower or no cost.

**Hospitals** have social workers and financial counselors who specialize in helping their patients find financial resources. Some area hospitals have Breast Cancer Nurse Navigators who can help you connect with the hospital's financial counselors early in your care, addressing any financial issues before they become a bigger concern.

**Local health departments and other cancer associations** in your county may provide information or referrals for special needs and local resources that can be used for emergencies.



**Local faith communities** may have funds you could access for urgent needs.

**Medicaid HMOs** may provide assistance with transportation to medical appointments and other needs. Check with your insurance company for available resources.

## Co-pay Relief Programs:

**HealthWell Foundation** addresses the needs of individuals with insurance who cannot afford their copayments, coinsurance, and premiums for important medical treatments — [www.healthwellfoundation.org](http://www.healthwellfoundation.org) (800) 675-8416

**Patient Access Network Foundation** helps the underinsured access the health care they need to continue living a relatively normal and productive lifestyle by providing financial assistance to cover out-of-pocket medical expenses — [www.panfoundation.org](http://www.panfoundation.org) (866) 316-7263

**Patient Advocate Foundation Co-pay Relief** provides direct financial support to insured patients, including Medicare Part D beneficiaries, who must financially and medically qualify to access pharmaceutical co-payment assistance — [www.copays.org](http://www.copays.org) (866) 512-3861

**Patient Services, Inc.**, provides financial services for patients with chronic diseases who cannot afford their treatments — [www.patientservicesinc.org](http://www.patientservicesinc.org) (800) 366-7741

**National Organization for Rare Disorders** is committed to the identification, treatment, and cure of rare disorders through programs of education, advocacy, research, and service — [www.rarediseases.org](http://www.rarediseases.org) (800) 999-6673

The Breast Cancer Task Force of the Greater Miami Valley is a collaborative organization made up of members whose missions are related to breast cancer services and/or education. Individuals with an interest in breast cancer are welcome to join as well. All members serve according to their areas of expertise and schedules.

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of the Greater Miami Valley



## Finding Financial Resources

## Breast cancer is a life-changing diagnosis.



A breast cancer diagnosis is difficult to deal with and when finances are also a concern, it can make the journey even more challenging. The Breast Cancer Task Force of the Greater Miami Valley has created this brochure to help you access resources that may be able to help. The most important thing is getting the care you need — the sooner you explore your options, the sooner you can gain access to the best choices for you.

### Places to Start:

**Family Medical Leave and COBRA** give workers and their families who lose their health benefits the right to choose to continue group health benefits provided by their group health plan for limited periods of time — [www.dol.gov/COBRA](http://www.dol.gov/COBRA) (866) 444-3272

**Ohio Department of Insurance** responds to inquiries regarding a wide variety of insurance matters and investigates insurance complaints against companies and agents — [www.insurance.ohio.gov](http://www.insurance.ohio.gov) (800) 686-1526

**The Dayton-Montgomery County Ombudsman Office** gives a voice to patients and works with individuals and facilities to verify and resolve complaints — [www.dayton-ombudsman.org](http://www.dayton-ombudsman.org) (937) 223-4613

**The Breast Cancer Fund Ohio** provides grants to local organizations and helps with emergency funds not covered by other organizations, such as transportation, utilities, and other bills — [www.bcfohio.org](http://www.bcfohio.org) (330) 615-0570

**Hill-Burton** is a federal program that requires certain medical facilities and hospitals to provide cancer patients with free or low-cost care if they are in financial need — [www.hrsa.gov/gethealthcare/affordable/hillburton](http://www.hrsa.gov/gethealthcare/affordable/hillburton) (800) 638-0742

### Local Programs/Agencies:

**United Way's HelpLink** provides information and referrals for residents of Montgomery, Preble, & Greene Counties — [www.dayton-unityway.org](http://www.dayton-unityway.org) (937) 225-3000 or (800) 917-3224

**No Wrong Door**, an initiative of Montgomery County's Family and Children First Council, refers to a service system that welcomes families in need and helps them navigate through the complexities of the social service system to connect with their desired services — [www.mcoho.org/services/fcfc/no\\_wrong\\_door\\_reference\\_guide.html](http://www.mcoho.org/services/fcfc/no_wrong_door_reference_guide.html) (937) 225-4695

**Reach Out** provides health care and prescription services for the underserved/uninsured in Montgomery County — [www.daytonreachout.org](http://www.daytonreachout.org) (937) 258-2000

### National or Regional Organizations:

**Job and Family Services** — [www.jfs.ohio.gov](http://www.jfs.ohio.gov)

**Medicare** — [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov)

**Social Security** — [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

After you have contacted Medicare through Social Security Office and Medicaid through Job and Family Services, here are some other resources you can explore.

**The American Cancer Society's Patient Navigators** provide assistance with resources in the patient's community — [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) (800) 227-2345

**Avon Breast Health Outreach Program** provides financial assistance for uninsured and underserved women throughout the country who need supportive services (such as transportation, childcare, or home care) related to the treatment of breast cancer — [www.avonbhop.org](http://www.avonbhop.org) (212) 244-5368



**CancerCare** is a national non-profit organization that provides free, professional support services for anyone affected by cancer — [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org) (800) 813-4673

**NeedyMeds** is a non-profit information resource devoted to helping people in need find assistance programs to help them afford their medications and costs related to health care — [www.needyeds.org](http://www.needyeds.org) or FAX (419) 858-7221