

#### **Patient Financial Assistance**

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## **Mission**





## **Background**

Patient financial assistance exists to help our patients overcome barriers to transplant and provide financial support during their transplant journey.

## Our goal

We want all patients to have equal access to financial assistance and we want to be good partners to our transplant centers so we listened to your feedback and have reinvented our financial assistance program

The improvements that we've made will allow us to help more patients while simplifying the application process

Threshold: 20 Centers

Target: 30 Centers

Maximum: 40 Centers

#### Our 2020 goal:

Expand use of patient assistance programs to transplant centers that currently use no grant programs or post-transplant grants only.



### **Poll #1**

What is your role at your center?



### **Poll #2**

Have you used our patient financial assistance previously?



#### Overview of what's new

#### **Process changes**

Simplified application process

New payment options for patients

No pre-approval application for Search Assistance Funds

Applications can be submitted by NMDP patient navigators

Expanded financial assistance available for pre-transplant patients

Assistance given on a sliding scale based on need

### Overview of what's new

#### **Application changes**

Applications submitted online instead of fillable PDF/email

All current grants are condensed into one application

Recipient ID is now required for applications

# What's new with the process

A new simplified application process

One application for all financial assistance



### **Old applications**



#### The John and Caryn Camiolo Survivorship Grant

For medication and clinical expenses

The John and Caryn Camiolo Survivorship Grant is generously funded by John and Caryn Camiolo, through Be The Match Foundation\*. This grant helps eligible transplant recipients/families who have medication and clinical costs related to bone marrow transplant survivorship care (post 1 year).

#### Transplant recipients must currently meet all of the following eligibility requirements:

- 1) Must be living in the United States.
- 2) Had an unrelated transplant facilitated through the NMDP/Be The Match®.
- 3) Transplant was twelve (12) months, or longer from date of application.
- 4) Has chronic Graft-Versus-Host Disease (cGVHD) and must pay copay and medication costs.
- 5) Currently being seen at the transplant center BMT clinic at least once a month.
- 6) Net monthly household income is at or below 500% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

# of persons in household	All states (except AK & HI ), PR and DC	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$5,000	\$6,300	\$5,800
2	\$6,800	\$8,600	\$7,900
3	\$8,700	\$10,800	\$10,000
4	\$10,500	\$13,000	\$12,000
Each additional person	\$1,800	\$2,300	\$2,000

7) Application is verified and submitted by the transplant center/BMT clinic team.

#### Important things to know about applying for this financial assistance survivorship grant:

- Receiving financial grants can negatively impact other forms of assistance you may have. Speak with your social worker if you are not sure if this affects you.
- 2) This survivorship grant can be requested once per eligible transplant.
- 3) Complete the application thoroughly missing information will cause delays or denial.
- 4) Funding limited, so approval cannot be guaranteed regardless of eligibility.
- 5) The transplant center representative, who sends in the application, will be notified of the decision usually within fifteen (15) business days.

6) Once approved assembly will be mailed through the UE Bactal Camiles are allowed in lifteen







#### Transplant Support Assistance (TSA) Grant

For allogeneic transplants facilitated through NMDP®/Be The Match®

The TSA grant is available thanks to Be The Match Foundation®

#### To be eligible for TSA, recipients must meet all of these requirements:

- 1. Has been living in the United States.
- 2. Had full allogeneic transplant through NMDP/Be The Match (excludes DLI, boost, etc).
- Transplant was within the last twelve (12) months.
- 4. a) Household monthly net (take-home) income is within the income cap below:

Number in household	All states (except AK & HI), incl. DC & PR	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$5,000	\$6,200	\$5,700
2	\$6,700	\$8,400	\$7,700
3	\$8,500	\$10,600	\$9,700
4	\$10,125	\$12,700	\$11,700
Each additional person	\$1,800	\$2,250	\$2,100

- b) And household income doesn't exceed household costs by more than \$200 a month.
- 5. The transplant center representative affirms eligibility and submits application by email: <a href="mailto:patientgrants@nmdp.org">patientgrants@nmdp.org</a> or fax: 763-406-8169.

#### Important things to know about applying for a TSA grant:

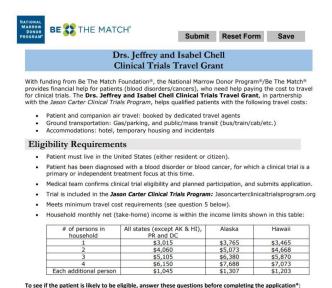
- Receiving a financial grant can negatively impact other forms of assistance you may have. If you are not sure if you will be affected, speak with your social worker.
- 2. TSA can be given once within the first twelve (12) months after an eligible transplant.



## **Old applications**

#### As of July 17<sup>th</sup> we will no longer accept paper applications.

Yes No



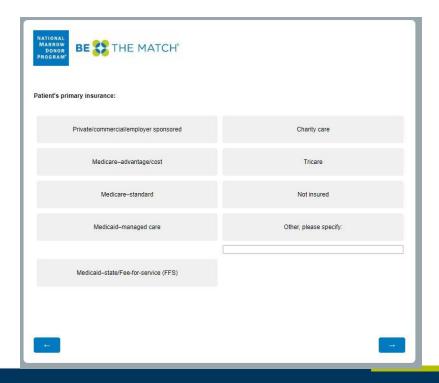
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Unrelated donor search		
Transplant	Covered No coverage* Limited – explain:	
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### **New application**

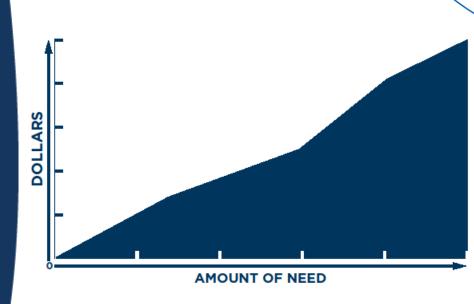






Assistance will be given on a sliding scale based on need

Determined by simplified income, assets, costs questions



# What's new with the process

Expanded financial assistance available for pre-transplant patients

- Any patient with a formal search of the NMDP registry can receive assistance to overcome barriers to treatment
- Post-transplant patients are still eligible to receive financial support



# What's new with the process

No pre-approval needed for Search Assistance Funds

- Blanket approval for search/procurement activities up to \$20,000
- Reimbursement will now require the insurance appeal denial letter



Applications can now be submitted by NMDP patient navigators





Applications submitted online instead of fillable PDF/email

 Qualtrics is our new secure/HIPAA compliant online application platform



There is no longer a need to apply for a specific grant

 Patients can receive financial assistance to overcome financial barriers of any type – no strict criteria for what the funds must be used for





Recipient ID is required for applications

NMDP	Recipient	IE

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Last name



#### **Process**

Our shared dedication to our patients

Search Assistance Funds reimbursement cap of \$20,000 will remain the same

The program is still funded by the Be The Match Foundation

Family typing process will remain the same

Our financial assistance team is here to support you

#### **Application**

Application must be filled out by a health care representative

What we will continue to provide assistance for

Our shared dedication to our patients





Search Assistance Funds reimbursement cap of \$20,000 will remain the same



The program is still funded by the Be The Match Foundation ®



Family typing cap and process will remain the same



Our financial assistance team can answer your question and as always wants to hear your feedback.

Contact the team via email at patientgrants@nmdp.org.



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All applications must be submitted through a healthcare professional at your transplant center or a NMDP patient navigator.

Patients cannot fill out application themselves



We still provide financial assistance for patients who have had:

- Allogeneic transplants in the United States
- Related transplants facilitated by NMDP/Be The Match





## **Demo of application**



## Questions?