



Your First 7 Steps to Becoming Informed

1. Talk to your health insurance company to find out whether your current plan covers the recommended treatments and what your portion of the payment will be.
2. Talk to your doctors and other healthcare providers about payment alternatives and Social Security disability benefits.
3. Read and understand your employee benefits. You may qualify for a leave of absence, continued health insurance, part-time work, telecommuting and disability benefits.
4. Take control of your wishes by creating or updating your will, power of attorney and advance medical directive.
5. Begin investigating financial options to minimize the burden after you've completed treatment.
6. Contact your current credit card company, mortgage company and other creditors right away to find out whether you can suspend or reduce payment during your treatment.
7. Keep organized records of all conversations relating to your treatment and finances. Take someone with you to all meetings to listen and take notes. Don't rely on memory.



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No one should have to fight cancer alone.

CancerLINC is a Greater Richmond area nonprofit founded in 1996 by two local attorneys who were undergoing cancer treatment and wanted to help other cancer patients navigate legal and financial challenges associated with the disease.

Your life can change suddenly after receiving a cancer diagnosis. In addition to dealing with treatment, medical bills can pile up, employment issues and other concerns may arise that require legal or financial counseling.

CancerLINC's mission is to help ease the burden of cancer by providing referrals for assistance that cancer patients need when they are most vulnerable. We partner with local attorneys and financial planners to provide FREE services to those who need, but can't afford the assistance.

How CancerLINC Can Help

We help cancer patients with the following issues resulting from their diagnosis:

- Will, Power of Attorney
- Advance Medical Directive
- Bankruptcy
- Uncontested Custody/Guardianship
- Employment Discrimination
- Landlord-Tenant Dispute
- Private Insurance Denials
- Medicare/Medicaid Denials
- Mortgage Issues
- Social Security Denials
- Financial Planning and Counseling
- Referrals to Community Resources