

Financial aid programs

For cancer medicines

New chemotherapy drugs and supportive care medicines are now in pill form. They are more convenient for patients, but the cost can be high.

Your prescription drug plan may cover part of the cost of your pills. Other medicines may be billed to the major medical part of your insurance plan.

It is best to have your cancer medicines filled at a pharmacy that specializes in these medicines.

Here is information that may help you with any financial concerns.

What if my insurance does not cover the cost of my medicine?

Many of the major drug companies have financial aid programs. They may provide your medicines at little or no cost if you qualify. It is part of their charitable giving.

There are also co-pay assistance foundations that can help with the cost of your medicines.

The type of help can vary from one company to another. The company may need a note from your doctor that shows your need for the drug.

The drug company will need to know about your health insurance, your income and how many people are in your household. Each drug company has its own application form.

Our Reimbursement Specialist will check your insurance coverage for you. He or she **will help you** apply for help with your co-pays if you need it. Often he or she can apply for aid programs on your behalf.

You can reach an Essentia Health Cancer Center Reimbursement Specialist at 218-786-3625 or 888-203-7267.

