



## **Financial Resources – Lower Mainland**

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### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – family grants (if eligible):**

1. **Walkathon for Kids with Cancer** – will assist eligible families for a one time grant. Please contact your Social Worker.
2. **BC Childhood Cancer Parents' Association** – may assist eligible families. Please contact your Social Worker.

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – funding for medications, medical supplies, NG feeds, etc:**

3. **Variety Club of BC** – call Patsy Craig at (604) 320-0505 or visit [www.variety.bc.ca](http://www.variety.bc.ca).
4. **Victory Care Program** – for patients needing GCSF but is not covered under an extended health plan. Call 1-888-706-4717.
5. **Canadian Cancer Society Emergency aid program** – may cover transportation, accommodation and prescription medications for eligible families. Greater Vancouver contact (604) 253-8470.
6. **Keyes Foundation** – Fax application form to Mr. Harrison at (604) 266-9132. Usually will pay for items such as GCSF or NG Feeding supplies.
7. **BCCH Balding for Dollars** – Available through Social Work.
8. **Non-Insured Health benefits for First Nations patients (with status)** – 1-800-317-7878. Will cover accommodations, meals and transportation for patient and 1 escort for up to 3 months.
9. **Non-Insured Health benefits for First Nations patients Yukon** – 1-867-667-3974.
10. **Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance** – for patients and families receiving income assistance, they are also covered for MSP, prescription medications and feeding supplies.
11. **Special Authority (non-Pharmacare benefit drugs)** – physician has to call 1-877-657-1188.

### **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – employment issues; tax returns; etc:**

12. **Employment Insurance – maternity, parental and sickness benefits; compassionate care benefits** – for booklet or more information [www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sc/ei/index.shtml](http://www.servicecanada.gc.ca/eng/sc/ei/index.shtml).
13. **Income Tax and Medical Expenses/Canada Customs and Revenue Agency** – For more information visit [www.cra-adrc.gc.ca](http://www.cra-adrc.gc.ca).

14. **Travel Expense for Northern Residents Deductions, Medical and Moving Expenses** – For more information visit [www.ccra-adrc.gc.ca/tax](http://www.ccra-adrc.gc.ca/tax).
15. **Ministry of Employment and Income Assistance** – Hospital liaison is Ayse at (604) 660-1429 and office location is at 201 – 828 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC V5Z 1E2. For other office locations, visit website [www.mhr.gov.bc.ca/bcea.htm](http://www.mhr.gov.bc.ca/bcea.htm)
16. **Extended health plans** – some plans may offer short-term and/or long-term disability benefits to their members. Please check with individual plans and/or employer.

**MEDICAL COVERAGE:**

17. **Medical Services Plan (for Premium Assistance)** application form can be found at [www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/exforms/msp.html](http://www.healthservices.gov.bc.ca/exforms/msp.html) or call (604) 683-7151 or toll free 1-800-663-7100.
18. **BC Fair Pharmacare** – register for annual pharmacare deductible. To register, call 1-800-387-4977 or <https://pharmacare.moh.hnet.bc.ca/PPIBroker?ExternalAction=JppiApply>.
19. **Variety Club of BC** – Children who are not covered under BC MSP for 3 months may apply for funding through Variety Club...eligibility is dependent on family's financial situation.