



Komen Treatment Access Program

The Komen Treatment Access Program aims to reduce transportation barriers for rural people in treatment for breast cancer. The program is administered by 211info (211info.org) and funded by Susan G. Komen Oregon & SW Washington (komenoregon.org).

Criteria

Women and men are eligible if they meet all of the following requirements:

1. They are actively receiving breast cancer treatment, treatment, or follow-up services, including support groups and navigation services;
2. They have limited income (less than 250% of the Federal Poverty Level);
3. They live or are receiving treatment in Oregon or the Southwest Washington counties of Clark, Cowlitz, and Skamania; and
4. They travel a minimum of 25 miles, one-way, to treatment.

Assistance

Eligible women and men may receive the following, as funds are available:

1. A pre-paid gift card for travel to treatment and support services.
 - \$100 if they travel less than 1,000 miles
 - \$200 if they travel more than 1,000 miles
2. Pre-paid gift cards of \$100, each, for lodging and food expenses, if they must stay one or more nights for treatment. Lodging and food assistance is not available without transportation assistance.

The Treatment Access Program allows patients to receive up to \$400 in a disbursement and up to \$800 per fiscal year (April 1 – March 31). Health professionals may reapply for funding up to the limit.

How the Komen Treatment Access Program works

Women and men in treatment must go through their local healthcare provider / navigator to determine if they are eligible for assistance. The navigator / healthcare provider should do the following:

1. Work with the patient to verify eligibility and complete the “Komen Treatment Access Program Patient Application”
2. If the patient needs lodging assistance, please try other programs first. For example, if a patient is travelling to Clackamas, Deschutes, Lane, Multnomah, or Washington Counties for treatment, they may be able to utilize American Cancer Society’s Hotel Partners Program (800-227-2345). Funding for food is still available if another lodging program is used.
3. Fax the completed application to 211info at 855-800-2976 or email it to komen@211info.org.
4. Reapplication is allowed, up to the fiscal year (April 1 – March 31) limit of \$800, as long as the patient is in active treatment for breast cancer.

211info will process the application, upon receipt, and mail a pre-paid gift card directly to the patient’s home address. The card will come with instructions, and there is a customer service number on the back of the gift card, in the event the patient has difficulty using it.

If an individual calls 211info, directly, a trained specialist will listen to their specific needs. If they report that they have breast cancer and are either in treatment or in need of treatment, they will be transferred to a 211info specialist who will further assist their needs. If appropriate, they will warm transfer the caller to their local provider for enrollment in the Treatment Access Program.

How to contact 211info’s Treatment Access Program Specialist

Direct line: 503-499-4302

Email: komen@211info.org

Fax: 855-800-2976