

Managing Legal and Workplace Issues

Note: My NM Care corner is not intended to replace clinical care or management by a healthcare provider. If you have a medical emergency, please contact your healthcare provider.

People living with cancer often have questions about maintaining employment during treatment, accessing insurance and government benefits, and other legal topics. Help is available at no cost.

National, non-profit organizations provide free information and counseling for people living with cancer who may be having difficulty with issues related to employment, insurance, medical leave, estate planning, and other legal issues. Here are a few:

- Patient Advocate Foundation (800-532-5274) provides education, legal counseling, and referrals for people with cancer who need assistance managing insurance, financial, debt crisis, and job discrimination issues. It also provides co-pay assistance and financial aid for eligible patients.
- Cancer Legal Resource Center (866.843.2572) provides information through its national telephone assistance line, outreach programs and community activities to educate and to support cancer patients, their families, healthcare professionals, and advocates on matters like maintaining employment through treatment, accessing healthcare and government benefits, taking medical leave, and estate planning.
- Cancer and Careers (646.929.8032) provides career coaching, tools, and resources to empower people with cancer to thrive in their workplace.

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