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Providing primary care for a loved one can be a financial and emotional challenge. The course of cancer can be episodic, with periods of crisis and periods of stability. But as more cancers are managed as a chronic disease, the related costs can be ongoing. Here are some resources that may be able to help.

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American Cancer Society > The ACS offers financial guidance to patients and their families by calling **800-227-2345** or visiting www.cancer.org. Type “financial and legal matters” into the search box to find brochures such as “How to Find a Financial Professional Sensitive to Cancer Issues” and “Coping Financially With the Loss of a Loved One.”

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Family Caregiving 101 > As part of their campaign to support and advise caregivers, the National Family Caregivers Association and the National Alliance for Caregiving launched Family Caregiving 101, which includes a listing of financial resources at www.familycaregiving101.org/help/financial.cfm.

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Patient Advocate Foundation > “The National Financial Resources Guidebook for Patients” is a state-by-state directory of programs and services that assist patients with housing, -utilities, food, and transportation to medical treatment. Search for your state at www.patientadvocate.org/report.php or call **800-532-527800-532-5274**.

In addition, PAF helps insured patients who qualify to access co-pay assistance from pharmaceutical companies through its Co-Pay Relief Program. Learn more about the program at www.copays.org or call **866-512-3861**.

Find an expanded listing of drug and patient assistance programs at www.curetoday.com/assistance_programs.