

Susan Lang Pre CAR T-cell Therapy Travel Assistance Program

Frequently Asked Questions

1. How early can I apply for Assistance?

As soon as your Health Care Professional refers you for evaluation for a CAR T-cell trial or treatment.

2. Does the program reimburse for expenses a patient has already incurred?

No. The program only covers expenses incurred during the award coverage period. If you are unsure of your award coverage period please call 1-877-557-2672 option 4.

3. Does this cover costs if I have to travel back and forth to a hospital more than once?

Yes. You have up to six months to use the \$2,500 on your card to travel to and from the hospital for evaluation and up until the conditioning phase (while the T-cells are at the lab being engineered to find and kill cancer cells, the patient receives conditioning chemotherapy). At the end of the conditioning phase, please call 1-877-557-2672 to deactivate your card.

4. Will the travel expenses for my caregiver/spouse be covered by this program?

Financial assistance is awarded for patient travel and lodging expenses only.

5. What does the Susan Lang Pre CAR T-cell Therapy Travel Assistance Program help with?

The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's (LLS) Susan Lang Pre CAR T-cell Therapy Travel Assistance Program is available to blood cancer patients, with significant financial need, who may qualify to receive a \$2,500 credit card to be used for approved expenses which include: ground transportation, tolls, gas, parking, car rental, car maintenance, repairs, and parts, air transportation, baggage fees, lodging, and ambulance services.

6. What is the spending limit on my card?

Your LLS Pre CAR T travel award allows you to purchase up to \$2,500 in travel and lodging expenses related to your treatment. Your purchases will not be approved if the transaction total exceeds your available balance or if you use the card for expenses that are not covered by the program. Please keep included taxes, tips and fees in mind.

7. What types of expenses are not allowed on my LLS Pre CAR T travel card?

Food and beverages, alcohol, tobacco, clothing, medical/pharmacy expenses, and international travel.

8. What if I have to go for a second evaluation for CAR T-cell Therapy? Do I have to reapply all over again?

If you are still within your award period you can continue to use your card to cover travel and lodging expenses related to your evaluation for Pre CAR T-cell Therapy. If your award already expired (after six months), you can reapply. Please note, program continuation is dependent on the availability of funds.

9. What happens if I do not use all of the funds on the card?

Assistance covers travel and lodging expenses from the evaluation phase through the end of the conditioning therapy phase. At the end of the conditioning therapy phase, before you begin the T-cell infusion phase, please call the program at (877) 557-2672 option 4 to deactivate your card. All unused funds will help support other patients being evaluated for pre CAR T-cell therapy.

10. What if my evaluation for CAR T-cell Therapy is postponed?

You have six months before your award coverage period expires to cover travel and lodging expenses related to your evaluation for Pre CAR T-cell Therapy. If you still need assistance after this time period due to postponement, please call to reapply. Please note, program continuation is dependent on the availability of funds.

11. Where does the Susan Lang Pre CAR T-cell Therapy Travel Assistance Program get its funding?

LLS is a nonprofit organization that relies on the generosity of donors to advance its mission.

12. Can my doctor's office apply for me?

Yes, your doctor, treatment provider, or caregiver can apply for the program on your behalf either by phone or through the online portal, available 24 hours a day.

13. Is there a waiting list to get into the program?

Our program operates on a first-come, first-served basis as long as funding is available; therefore, we do not have a waiting list.

14. Are translation services available?

Yes, translation services are available. When calling, please state your language preference.



15. Does the instant verification system impact my credit score?

No. We are only verifying your identity, income and residency.

16. Why do I need to provide my Social Security Number?

Your Social Security Number is used to verify your income, identity, and residency through our instant verification system. This eliminates the need for the applicant to submit documentation. It is never shared.

17. What if I don't want to provide my Social Security Number?

*Your Social Security Number is used to verify your identity and residency **only** through our instant verification system. It is **required** and **never shared**.*

18. What happens if I am an undocumented parent/guardian looking to apply on behalf of my child who is a citizen?

*If you are an undocumented parent/guardian, applying on behalf of your child who is a citizen, you **MUST** call 1-877-557-2672 option 4 to apply. You will be asked to provide supporting documentation for proof of identity, residency and income.*

a. What forms of supporting documentation are accepted? Please submit all that apply.

-A copy of your Driver's License or State Issued Identification (Front & Back Copy).

-Utility Bill

-Three consecutive months of pay stubs

-Copy of current federal tax return (page 1 only)

-W2s

-Social Security Award/Benefit Statement

-Statement of Pension or Retirement Benefits

-Statement of alimony and/or child support

-Statement of workers compensation

-Statement of dividends and/or interest income

-Statement of Short Term and/or Long-Term Disability Benefits

-Statement of Unemployment Benefits

19. If I am an undocumented parent/guardian looking to apply on behalf of my child who is a citizen, can I apply on the portal?

*No. The application **MUST** be processed over the phone by calling 1-877-557-2672 option 4.*

20. Will I receive a phone call if more information is needed?

No. The patient will receive a letter informing him/her that additional documentation is required.

If applying on the portal, you will...

- See an alert in your profile letting you know more information is needed.*
- Receive a letter in the mail with the same information. A copy of this letter can also be found on your portal account.*

If applying over the phone with an Intake Specialist...

- The specialist will inform you if more supporting documentation is needed. A letter is also mailed.*

21. I received a letter requesting that I send additional documentation. Why am I being asked for this information?

LLS uses an instant verification system. In the rare case where our system cannot verify your identity or residency, you will be asked for additional documentation.

22. What forms of supporting documentation are accepted?

In order to process your application, you will need to submit a copy of your Driver's License or State Issued Identification (Front & Back Copy). If you are unable to provide a Driver's License or State Issued I.D., please submit all that apply.

- Utility Bill*
- Three consecutive months of pay stubs*
- Copy of current federal tax return (page 1 only)*
- W2s*
- Social Security Award/Benefit Statement*
- Statement of Pension or Retirement Benefits*
- Statement of alimony and/or child support*
- Statement of workers compensation*
- Statement of dividends and/or interest income*
- Statement of Short Term and/or Long-Term Disability Benefits*
- Statement of Unemployment Benefits*

23. Do I need to submit all requested documentation before my application can be approved?

Yes. Applications are not reviewed for approval until all supporting documentation is received.

24. What if I am homeless?

You can still apply to the program. We recommend you apply over the phone and inform the Intake Specialist of your current income/living situation.

25. What if I have no income?

You can still apply to the program. We recommend you apply over the phone and inform the Intake Specialist of your current income/living situation.

26. What if my doctor's office has yet to submit the physician's form to confirm my diagnosis?

This information is required for application approval. LLS will fax the physician's form to the doctor's office at the point of application, and the patient should follow up with their doctor to confirm the form has been submitted.

27. Can I sign documents electronically?

Yes. Applicants can sign the application either verbally over the phone with an Intake Specialist, or electronically through the online portal.

28. How do I check the status of my application?

The best way to get real time updates on the status of your application is to call an Intake Specialist directly at 1-877-557-2672 option 4.

29. What is the best way to confirm my documents have been received?

-If you applied on the portal, confirmation of receipt can be viewed on the "Documents" tab.

-If you applied over the phone, you can create a portal account to confirm receipt or call to speak with a representative at 1-877-557-2672 option 4.

30. My application is approved, now what?

If your application is approved, no separate actions are needed. You will receive a letter of approval in the mail, followed by a separate mailing with the Pre CAR T Travel Credit Card within 4 to 7 business days.

31. I am having issues with the portal, who do I contact?

Please call the program at 1-877-557-2672 option 4 or e-mail at financialassistance@lls.org.