

	GEORGIA DIVISION OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES MEDICAID POLICY MANUAL			
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	Policy Title:	Cancer State Aid Program		
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REQUIREMENTS

The Cancer State Aid Program was established in 1937 by the Georgia legislature at the request of Georgia physicians to provide cancer treatment to uninsured and under-insured low-income cancer patients. The program funds diagnosis and treatment for medically needy cancer patients in Georgia.

BASIC CONSIDERATIONS

To be eligible for the program, patients must meet the following **financial, citizenship, residency, and medical** criteria:

- Family income must be at or below 250 percent of federal poverty income guidelines
- Must be uninsured or underinsured and not be eligible for full coverage Medicaid
- Must be a U.S. citizen or lawful permanent resident
- Must be a resident of Georgia
- Must receive active medical treatment for cancer **and** be likely to benefit from active medical treatment
- Must receive treatment from facilities that participate in the Cancer State Aid Program
- Must be accepted for treatment by a physician affiliated with a Cancer State Aid participating facility.
- Due to funding restrictions, a limited number of applicants are accepted each fiscal year. Applications will be considered based on the date they are received and the availability of funding.

BASIC CONSIDERATIONS (cont.)

Participating provider types include:

- Hospitals (25)
- Free standing radiation therapy treatment centers (5 providers across multiple locations)
- Pharmacies (Number varies depending on location of need)

Covered services include:

- Inpatient and outpatient cancer related diagnostic and treatment services
- Prescription drugs related to treatment of cancer. Prior approval is required from the Cancer State Aid Program.
- Limited outpatient cancer related home services may be considered. Prior approval is required from the Cancer State Aid Program.

PROCEDURES

Cancer State Aid Program information may be obtained by calling the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH), Division of Health Protection, **Cancer State Aid Program at 404-463-5111**. Information may also be obtained from:

- Social services personnel and financial counselors at participating facilities

Applications are submitted directly from participating providers to the Cancer State Aid Program for eligibility determination. Eligibility determination will take approximately 5 working days from receipt of all required information.

Mailing address:

Cancer State Aid Program
Georgia Department of Public Health
Division of Health Protection
200 Piedmont Avenue SE
Atlanta, GA 30334
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The Cancer State Aid Program web site is <https://dph.georgia.gov/cancer-aid>.