## **ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund Disclaimer**

The ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund is an exclusive program and fully funded by ARDS Alliance in collaboration with our non-profit service partner, Patient Advocate Foundation. The ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund supports patients that have been diagnosed and are actively being treated for acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). In order to qualify for financial assistance from the ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund, the patient must (1) have a confirmed diagnosis of acute respiratory distress syndrome within the past 6 months (ARDS) (2) in active treatment (3) meet the financial eligibility requirements of the fund. The ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund provides a grant award to assist patients with expenses related to transportation, lodging, housing, utilities, childcare, nutritional needs and wage loss related to the patient's treatments.

Qualifying patients are provided a one-time grant at the time they are approved for assistance from the ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund. Financial assistance is provided on a first come, first served basis to the extent the Financial Assistance Fund has the capacity to provide assistance. Enrollment in the ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund, and receipt of the one-time grant, is a gift to the enrollee, based on the availability of funding, and conditioned on use of the financial assistance for expenses related to lodging, housing, utilities, childcare, nutritional needs and wage loss. PAF has no contractual obligation to provide such assistance to qualified enrollees.

Eligibility Assistance from the ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund is not dependent on the use of a particular drug, particular supplies, or particular provider or suppliers and patients are free to switch drug therapies, treating physicians, pharmacies, and suppliers at any time without affecting their continued eligibility for assistance.

ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund reserves the right to request additional information about your health condition and treatment, which may include individually identifiable health information, other individually identifiable information, or consumer health data (collectively, "Personal Information") to verify compliance with program eligibility guidelines. Failure to provide the requested Personal Information may result in the closure of the application for assistance. Additionally, if at any time it becomes evident that Personal Information has been provided under false pretense the eligibility process for assistance will be terminated.

The ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund is administered by Patient Advocate Foundation ("PAF") for ARDS Alliance. Patient's Personal Information may be used in the future to share printed and/or electronic communications from PAF or ARDS Alliance.

If the patient does not wish to receive print and/or electronic communications from PAF or ARDS Alliance, he/she may contact the program at 844-974-0257 and request to have his/her Personal Information removed from the mailing list.

Personal Information collected through the application process may also be used in deidentified aggregated reports. Personal Information you provide to the ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund during the enrollment process may also be deidentified and combined with other patients' data to prepare reports analyzing patient needs. Deidentified data is information that cannot be reasonably linked to you or be used to infer characteristics about you (i.e., where all identifying Personal Information like the patient's name, identifying numbers, etc. have been removed), so this data is no longer considered Personal Information. PAF will only use this information in a deidentified fashion and will not attempt to reidentify such data. PAF will always protect and use your Personal Information consistent with the PAF Privacy Policy, a copy of which can be found here: Patient Advocate Foundation Patient Privacy Policy.

By accepting a grant from the ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund patients are attesting that they agree to use the grant funds only for eligible expenses. The ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund reserves the right to request documentation from patients demonstrating that the grant funds have been used appropriately.

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