

## Merkel Cell Carcinoma Financial Aid Fund Program Disclaimer

Patient Advocate Foundation's ("PAF's") Merkel Cell Carcinoma Financial Aid Fund provides financial assistance to patients who have been diagnosed with Merkel Cell Carcinoma and who are in active treatment, have been in active treatment within the past six (6) months or who will be in active treatment within the next 60 days. In order to qualify for financial assistance from the Merkel Cell Carcinoma Financial Aid Fund, the patient must (1) have been diagnosed with Merkel Cell Carcinoma; (2) be in active treatment, have been in active treatment within the past six (6) months or who will be in active treatment within the next 60 days; and (3) meet the financial eligibility requirements. The Merkel Cell Carcinoma Financial Aid Fund provides a grant award to assist patients with expenses related to transportation, lodging and nutritional needs.

PAF will not consider the identity of any physician, provider, supplier of items or services, donor, drug therapy, services or supplies being utilized, or the referral source when assessing whether an applicant is qualified for financial assistance through the Merkel Cell Carcinoma Financial Aid Fund. Under no circumstances will PAF recommend or refer a patient to any donor, provider, supplier, or product.

Qualifying patients are provided a one-time grant at the time they are approved for assistance from the Merkel Cell Carcinoma Financial Aid Fund. Financial assistance through the Merkel Cell Carcinoma Financial Aid Fund is provided on a first come, first served basis to the extent the Financial Aid Fund has capacity to provide assistance. Enrollment in the Merkel Cell Carcinoma Financial Aid 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 transportation expenses. PAF has no contractual obligation to provide such assistance to qualified enrollees.

Assistance from the Merkel Cell Carcinoma Financial Aid 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.

Patient Advocate Foundation 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 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.

Patients' Personal Information, such as contact information, may be used in the future to share printed and/or electronic communications from PAF. If the patient does not wish to receive print and/or electronic communications from PAF, he/she may contact the program at 1-855-824-7941 and request to have his/her Personal Information removed from the mailing list. Patients' Personal Information may also be used in deidentified aggregated reports. This means that Personal Information patients provide to PAF may be deidentified and combined with other patients' data to prepare reports analyzing patient needs and the Merkel Cell Carcinoma Financial Aid Fund. 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 - Patient Advocate Foundation](#).

By accepting a grant from the Merkel Cell Carcinoma Financial Aid Fund patients are attesting that they agree to use the grant funds only for expenses related to transportation. PAF reserves the right to request documentation from patients demonstrating that the grant funds have been used only for expenses related to transportation (e.g., receipts).

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