

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

### CANCER COUNCIL PROBONO LEGAL AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

The Cancer Council offers pro bono services for eligible people affected by cancer.

#### LEGAL REFERRAL SERVICE

- End-of-life legal matters, including wills, powers of attorney and making parenting arrangements for terminally ill clients with children.
- Legal matters relating to financial hardship, including early access to superannuation, insurance claims and disputes, mortgage hardship and other credit and debt issues.
- Employment issues and other disputes, including discrimination and tenancy matters which have arisen as a result of a cancer diagnosis.

#### FINANCIAL PLANNING SERVICE

- A financial planner may be able to help you with:
- Accessing Centrelink payments
- Your superannuation
- Your insurance
- Debt management
- Budgeting
- Restructuring income and assets
- Estate planning
- Transition-to-retirement strategies

#### WORKPLACE ADVISORY SERVICE

This service may be able to assist you to manage workplace issues before, during and after treatment, including disclosing a diagnosis, managing expectations, coping with side effects at work, taking leave and managing discrimination, bullying and harassment.

#### SMALL BUSINESS ADVICE SERVICE

This service may be able to provide assistance to manage your small business after a cancer diagnosis. Qualified accountants can advise on tax issues, appointing a caretaker, business debts, sale of a business and assets.

Following financial assessment and confirmation of eligibility you will be matched with the relevant service. If possible, this will be provided in your local area.

For more information contact **The Cancer Council on 13 11 20** or contact the **Social Work Department** on **(03) 8559 5267**

#### CENTRELINK

You may be eligible for a Centrelink payment if you are unable to work due to illness or you are providing full-time care to someone who is unwell. Most Centrelink payments are income and asset

tested.

Please contact **Centrelink** directly to discuss eligibility and payment options on: **132 717**.

**Please note:** Social Workers and other hospital staff are unable to initiate Centrelink claims or complete application forms on your behalf. Medical reports should be provided directly to your treating team for completion.

## CAR PARKING CONCESSION

There is a car parking concession rate of \$10 per day available to eligible patients or their carers.

Who is eligible?

- Concession card holders

A patient (or their carer) who holds a valid, government-issued concession card (Pensioner Concession Card, Health Care Card, Repatriation Health Card, Department of Veterans' Affairs Health Card or Commonwealth Seniors Health Card).

- Patients with multiple appointments within a week

A patient (or their carer) who is attending Peter Mac for appointments over 3 or more days within a 7 day period.

If you are not eligible for the concession rate, but are experiencing financial distress and need help covering your parking costs, please speak to your treating team who will refer you to the Social Work Department for financial assessment.

## TRAVELLING FOR TREATMENT

If you are travelling over 100kms or from interstate for specialist medical treatment you may be eligible for a government subsidy to help with your travel and accommodation costs.

Please contact the below travel scheme for your state to discuss your eligibility:

Victoria – VPTAS Ph. (03) 5333 6040	Northern Territory – PATS Ph. (08) 8922 8135
New South Wales – IPTAAS Ph. 1800 478 227	South Australia – PATS Ph. 1300 341 684
Tasmania – PTAS Ph. 1300 135 513	Western Australia – PATS Ph. (08) 9222 2474
Queensland – PTSS Ph. 13 43 25 84	

If you are experiencing financial distress as a result of your cancer diagnosis and would like to undergo a financial assessment to explore further financial supports, please ask your **treating team** to refer you a social worker or contact the **Social Work Department** directly on **(03) 8559 5267**.