



Financial Assistance - various

1. Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission

Two Peachtree Street NW, Suite 26-426; Atlanta, GA 30303

888-233-5760 – <http://www.gatrustfund.org/>

Provides funding for services and items that will improve the quality of life, increase independence, and allow inclusion in the community for individuals with traumatic brain (must be TRAUMATIC, not tumors, brain bleeds, etc.) and spinal cord injuries.

2. Georgia Partnership for Caring

PO Box 450987, Atlanta, GA 32245

678-578-25920 – 800-982-7468 – www.mygeorgiacares.org/Home/tabid/37/Default.aspx

GeorgiaCares is a private-public partnership, administered by the Georgia Department of Human Services (DHS) Division of Aging Services (DAS). GeorgiaCares is a volunteer-based program that provides free, unbiased and factual information and assistance to Medicare beneficiaries and their caregivers. GeorgiaCares is the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and SMP (formerly Senior Medicare Patrol). Local assistance is available for health insurance related issues including Medicare, Medicaid, **financial assistance programs**, health error, fraud and abuse and long term care insurance. The GeorgiaCares program is statewide. Services are provided through the twelve (12) Area Agencies on Aging (AAA). For information on your local AAA, call 1-866-55-AGING (24464).

3. Credit-Able

Atlanta, GA

404-541-9005 - <http://www.thecfii.org/creditable.html>

Credit-Able provides low-interest loans through participating credit unions to enable Georgians with disabilities access to affordable financing for **Assistive Technology and Home & Vehicle Modifications**.

Credit-Able is a collaborative partnership between many organizations dedicated to improving the lives of Georgians with disabilities, including the [GA Department of Labor](#), [Tech-Able](#), [the Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission](#), [the GA Department of Community Affairs](#), the [Getting Ahead Association](#), and Georgia credit unions.

Credit-Able loan guarantees may be used for **Assistive Technology**, including, but not limited to:

Hearing Aids - Computer Equipment & Software - Recreational Equipment - Modified Vehicles (ramps, lifts, hand controls, etc.) - Home Modifications (ramps, railings, hand bars, etc.)

4. Medicare

www.medicare.org – 888-815-3313 (call to find your local office)

Provides medical assistance (hospitals, doctors, and pharmacists) to people who can't afford to pay for some or all of their medical bills. Medicare program is a health insurance for people 65 or older or under 65 with certain disabilities. If you need information about Medicare Savings Program, Medicare Prescription Drug plan or how to enroll in a plan, you may call 800-486-2048 or visit the website. You may also request information about how to contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). SHIP offers help with your Medicare questions.

5. Medicaid

www.dch.state.ga.us - 800-282-4536 (Call to find your local office)

Provides medical assistance (hospitals, doctors, and pharmacists) to people who can't afford to pay for some or all of their medical bills.

6. Social Security Administration

www.ssa.gov – 800-772-1213 (Call to find the office in your area)

Provides cash benefits to people who have worked and have become disabled. This entitlement program ensures that citizens with disabilities receive benefits from this program

7. Today's Caregiver

<http://www.caregiver.com/regionalresources/states/GA/financial/index.htm> -

Website with listing of Georgia Financial Relief for Family Caregivers:

Department of Human Resources - Georgians receive health care, protection, financial assistance, treatment and rehabilitation for disabling conditions. Call them at 404-656-4937.

Christian Ministry Center USA - Operation Blessing - **provides limited financial assistance for rent or mortgage payments, emergency needs in situations of catastrophic loss (fire, flood, earthquake), utility bills (water, electricity, gas).**

Private Fuel Funds - there are non-federal dollars available from local fuel funds, obtained from others throughout the state of Georgia who make contributions into this fund when paying their own utility bill. Ask the state energy assistance office for the local phone number of the fuel fund nearest you, or go to www.nationalfuelunds.org. You can also contact one of the following in order to find out more information on how to qualify for financial assistance regarding your fuel bill: Heating Energy Assistance Team – 678-418-6591; Salvation Army Project Share – (Military) 404-873-3100x157; Georgia Power-404-506-6526 Resource Services Ministry 404-352-5440; Salvation Army Southern Territory – 404-728-1341; Resource Service Ministries – 404-728-1341

8. Consumer Credit Counseling of Atlanta - <http://www.cccsinc.org> - 866-616-3716 or 800-251-2227

Mortgage assistance. No charge for budget counseling, but there is a charge for bankruptcy. There is a \$125 charge for the Reverse Mortgage Counseling Session. Upon completion of the session, the applicant will receive a certificate of completion and a list of certified reverse mortgage brokers. Reverse Equity Mortgage Counseling Available to homeowners over the age of 62, a Reverse Equity Mortgage permits clients to tap their home equity, allowing them to increase spendable income without selling their home or making loan payments. The counselors will review the financial situation, determine if the applicant qualifies for a home equity mortgage and help evaluate other options for increasing income. Counseling locations for reverse mortgage counseling (RMC) are in Fayetteville, Decatur, Norcross, Marietta and Atlanta. All RMC appointments must be first scheduled through the 800 number.

9. Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council - <http://cjcc.ga.gov/victimDetails.aspx?id=62> - 1-800-547-0060 or 404-657-2222

Financial Assistance for Victims Overview - The state of Georgia has a program to assist with crime related expenses if you are a victim of certain crimes. Financial assistance for victims of crime may be provided through the state's Crime Victims Compensation Program. This **program assists eligible victims of crimes with medical, funeral, crime scene clean-up and mental health counseling expenses.** In addition, if applicable, victims may also apply for **lost wages or loss of support benefits.** "Eligibility for an award DOES NOT infer any entitlement to an award." See website for complete list of services and coverage's or restrictions.

10. Georgia Compass - <https://compass.ga.gov/selfservice/> - 1-800-869-1150

Please contact the Online Services hotline at 1-800-869-1150 to inquire further about help with buying **food, low or no cost health care, home energy assistance, cash assistance, child care assistance, mental health and substance abuse services, child support and aging services.**

COMPASS (Common Point of Access to Social Services) is a way for people in Georgia to get answers to questions about eligibility and "pre-screen" for health and nutrition programs including Food Stamps, TANF, Medicaid, Child Care, WIC, Energy Assistance, TEFAP, Child Support Services, Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services, or Aging Services.

This website is just a test to see if the applicant might be able to get benefits. The applicant will have to apply for these programs to get a final decision about benefits, but we'll let you know how to do that.

1441 CLIFTON ROAD NE, ATLANTA, GA 30322 • 404-712-5504

Brain Injury Information Helpline: 1-800-444-6443 • jane@braininjurygeorgia.org • www.braininjurygeorgia.org

BIAG does not support nor endorse any resources referenced. This is provided for your use, assistance and information only. There are other valuable resources we may have missed. Please do research according to your needs, situation and location. Check the website provided for each listed provider for additional restrictions or services

11. Lifeline-Universal Service Administrative Company - <http://www.lifelinesupport.org/li/low-income/lifelinesupport/browser/Default.aspx> - 1-888-641-8722 or 202-776-0200

Telephone Assistance Program for Low Income Households. No cost for services. Call 888-641-8722 or visit website to get local information. See website for complete list of services and coverage's or restrictions.

12. Modest Needs Foundation - <http://www.modestneeds.org/> - 212-463-7042

Modest Needs is a 501 (c) 3 Non Profit Organization. They reach out to families & individuals who suddenly find themselves faced with **small emergency expenses** that they have no way to afford on their own. For instance car repairs, medical bills etc... See website for complete list of services and coverage's or restrictions.

13. Money Management International MMI – Mortgages - <http://www.moneymanagement.org/Services.aspx> - 1-866-889-9347

Money Management International (MMI) offers solutions and tools to help you achieve your financial goals. We provide professional financial guidance, credit counseling, debt management solutions, housing counseling assistance, bankruptcy counseling and education services, and educational programs by phone, Internet, and in-person sessions.

See website for complete list of services and coverage's or restrictions

14. Patient Advocate Program - <http://www.patientadvocate.org/> 1-800-532-5274

Co-pay Relief Program - The Patient Advocate Foundation (PAF) Co-Pay Relief Program (CPR) currently provides direct financial support to insured patients, including Medicare Part D beneficiaries, who must financially and medically qualify to access **pharmaceutical co-payment assistance**. The program offers personal service to all patients through the use of call counselors; personally guiding patients through the enrollment process.

Patient Advocate Foundation offers assistance to patients with specific issues they are facing with their insurer, employer and/or creditor regarding insurance, job retention and/or debt crisis matters relative to their diagnosis of life threatening or debilitating diseases. PAF offers many programs and educational opportunities for patients including direct case management assistance, internet patient services, ongoing live patient chats, PAF-authored publications, state, local and national outreach and projects targeting specific patient populations.

15. Project Share Utility Bills - <http://www.salvationarmy-georgia.org/Search.asp> (to find location near you) – 800-257-4273

Project Share is a program administered by the Salvation Army providing emergency financial assistance for individuals who are unable to pay their **utility bills**.

16. Safelink Wireless - <https://www.safelinkwireless.com/EnrollmentPublic/home.aspx> – 800-977-3768 or 800-378-1684

SafeLink offer Lifeline service that enables qualifying customers to receive discounts on monthly **telephone service**. Once approved you will receive free cellular service, and a free SafeLink Wireless cell phone and the assurance that you will get no bills and no contracts. See website for a complete list of services, coverage or restrictions.

17. Georgia Free Clinic Network - <http://www.gfcn.org/> - 678-904-3117

A **free or reduced fee clinic** is an organization who primary mission is to provide health care services free or with a minimal administrative fee to individuals with limited resources. Volunteer health professionals provide a significant portion of health care services. Call or visit their website for a clinic nearby, and to see if you qualify.



18. The Partnership for Prescription Assistance - <http://www.pparx.org/> - 888-477-2669

You can determine which program you may be eligible for by answering questions and using the online wizard. Call or log onto their website to see if you qualify

19. Pharmaceutical Assistance Program - <https://www.medicare.gov/pharmaceutical-assistance-program/index.aspx> – 800-486-2048 - Some pharmaceutical companies offer assistance programs for the drugs they manufacture. Click on the first letter of your drug name to see if any programs are available for the drugs you are taking. If your drug is on the list, click on "details" for detailed information about the program.

20. Patient Assistance Foundation helps the uninsured access medicines –

<http://www.abbottpatientassistancefoundation.org/index.asp> - 1-800-222-6885

The Abbott Patient Assistance Foundation provides free **Abbott medicines, medical nutritionals, and diabetes care products** to qualified patients who are experiencing financial difficulties and who generally do not have coverage available for these products through private insurance or government funded programs.

Applications are reviewed on a case-by-case basis. See website for complete list of services and coverage's or restrictions.

21. Healthwell Foundation - <http://www.healthwellfoundation.org/> - 1-800-675-8416

The HealthWell Foundation is a 501(c) (3) non-profit, charitable organization that helps individuals afford **prescription medications** they are taking for **specific illnesses**. The Foundation provides financial assistance to eligible patients to cover certain out-of-pocket health care costs, including: **Prescription drug coinsurance, copayments, and deductibles, Health insurance premiums, other selected out-of-pocket health care costs**. See website for complete list of services and coverage's or restrictions.

22. AT&T Lifeline/Link-Up - <http://www.lifelinesupport.org/li/low-income/lifelinesupport/browser/permalink.aspx?state=GA&company=80> - 1-800-288-2020

Lifeline is a government program that offers qualified low income households a discount on their monthly local **telephone bill**. Each state has its own guidelines to qualify. The application and qualification process differs by state and sometimes by individual phone company. See website for complete list of services and coverage's or restrictions

Link Up helps households reduce the cost of **initiating telephone service**. This program pays some of the cost of connecting local telephone service to your home or activating wireless phone service. However, Link Up does not cover the cost of wiring inside your home