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The Alger County CHAMP Fund (CHemotherapy And Mammography Program)

The Alger County CHAMP Fund is available to uninsured/underinsured Alger County residents who are receiving treatment for breast cancer and other forms of cancer. Participants are required to complete a participation form and provide necessary documentation of financial need.

The Alger County CHAMP Fund provides the following:

- **Breast Cancer Assistance Grants** to assist Alger County residents facing breast cancer with breast cancer treatment-related expenses including, but not limited to, insurance co-pays, doctor's office visit fees, prescriptions, transportation and childcare;
- **General Cancer Assistance Grants** to assist Alger County residents with all forms of non-breast cancer treatment-related expenses;
- **Energy Relief Grants** to assist Alger County residents touched by cancer with utility assistance;
- **An Angel Closet at Munising Memorial Hospital** that provides free scarves, wigs, and other items to individuals suffering from chemotherapy-related hair loss;

Eligibility Requirements:

1. Applicants must be residents of Alger County, Michigan.
2. Priority will be given to qualifying applicants in active treatment for a recent BREAST CANCER diagnosis. Applicants receiving active treatment for other forms of cancer will be considered if funds are available.
3. Medical related expenses will be given priority.
4. Qualifying applicants may apply and be considered for medical related expense assistance once each quarter for a total of four times per fiscal year. Energy/Utility assistance may be available up to two times per year, per applicant.
5. All Medical bills MUST be listed in the name of the qualifying cancer patient to be considered for program assistance. Energy/Utility and rent/mortgage bills must be in the name of the qualifying patient or legal spouse/caregiver to be considered for assistance.
6. All funds will be issued directly to the medical provider, landlord/mortgage holder, utility company, etc. Funds will not be paid directly to applicants.
7. Grant amounts will be based on available funds, the number of qualified applicants and the level of need determined by the team of staff and advisers that review applications.
8. Qualifying applicants must provide sufficient documentation of financial need.