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Beyond the Diagnosis | Family Assistance Guidelines

Thank you for applying for Beyond the Diagnosis | Family Assistance through the Seventeen22 Foundation. Through this program, the Seventeen22 Foundation provides financial assistance to individuals and families affected by Neurofibromatosis Type 1 (NF1), Neurofibromatosis Type 2-related Schwannomatosis (NF2), or Schwannomatosis who are experiencing financial hardship related to their diagnosis, treatment, travel, daily living needs, or other diagnosis-related expenses.

Eligibility

To be eligible for Beyond the Diagnosis | Family Assistance, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- The patient must have a diagnosis of Neurofibromatosis Type 1 (NF1), Neurofibromatosis Type 2-related Schwannomatosis (NF2), or Schwannomatosis.
- The patient must be a legal citizen or legal resident of the United States.
- The patient's diagnosis and treatment must be verified by two individuals involved in the patient's care through their physician's office, treatment center, or hospital.

Accepted Verifiers (Two Required)

- Physician (MD or DO)
- Physician Assistant (PA)
- Nurse Practitioner (NP)
- Social Worker
- Financial Counselor/Advisor
- Practice Manager

Applicants may receive assistance once within a twelve-month period. Eligibility is based on the date assistance is received, not the application submission date.

Financial assistance related to postmortem expenses or expenditures incurred after death will not be considered.

Process

1. If the patient meets the eligibility criteria outlined above, they may apply for Beyond the Diagnosis | Family Assistance.

2. Applications can be completed online or downloaded from www.seventeen22.org.
3. Applications must be complete, accurate, and legible. Online submission is encouraged whenever possible.
4. A complete application must include:
5. Two verification signatures from approved medical or support professionals.
6. All requested diagnosis and treatment information.
7. The signature of the patient or legal guardian.
8. Completed applications must be submitted by email or mail by the deadline listed on the application.
9. Once all applications have been reviewed, applicants will be notified of their application status via email.
10. Applicants are responsible for notifying the Foundation of any changes to their mailing address, email address, or phone number after submitting an application.
11. The Seventeen22 Foundation reserves the right to request additional documentation to verify information submitted in the application.
12. The Foundation reserves the right to require updated applications annually to ensure accurate records and continued eligibility.

Funding Priority Considerations

While every application is reviewed individually, priority may be given to applicants who:

- Must travel long distances to receive specialized medical care.
- Incur significant expenses related to transportation, lodging, meals, or parking during treatment.
- Have little or no insurance coverage.
- Face substantial out-of-pocket medical expenses such as high deductibles, co-pays, or prescription costs.
- Require treatments, clinical trials, medications, or therapies that are not covered by insurance.

Having insurance does not automatically reduce eligibility for assistance. The Program Committee recognizes that many insured individuals still face significant financial burdens due to diagnosis-related expenses. Applicants should clearly explain these circumstances within their narrative.
Funding decisions are based on demonstrated need, available program resources, and alignment with program guidelines.

Disclaimer

The Seventeen22 Foundation is committed to serving individuals and families living with Neurofibromatosis Type 1 (NF1), Neurofibromatosis Type 2-related Schwannomatosis (NF2), and Schwannomatosis throughout the United States. Our goal is to provide

support that helps alleviate financial stress and allows families to focus on their health, treatment, and quality of life.

The Foundation and its Program Committee carefully review all submitted information to make funding decisions that are fair, thoughtful, and aligned with the mission of supporting those living beyond the diagnosis.

Thank you for allowing the Seventeen22 Foundation to walk alongside you and your family Beyond the Diagnosis. We are honored to support the NF community through compassionate assistance, advocacy, and hope.