

## ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund Disclaimer

The ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund is an exclusive program and fully funded by ARDS Alliance in collaboration with our non-profit service partner, Patient Advocate Foundation. The ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund supports patients that have been diagnosed and are actively being treated for acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). In order to qualify for financial assistance from the ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund, the patient must (1) have a confirmed diagnosis of acute respiratory distress syndrome within the past 6 months (ARDS) (2) in active treatment (3) meet the financial eligibility requirements of the fund. The ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund provides a grant award to assist patients with expenses related to transportation, lodging, housing, utilities, childcare, nutritional needs and wage loss related to the patient's treatments.

Qualifying patients are provided a one-time grant at the time they are approved for assistance from the ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund. Financial assistance is provided on a first come, first served basis to the extent the Financial Assistance Fund has the capacity to provide assistance. Enrollment in the ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery 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 expenses related to lodging, housing, utilities, childcare, nutritional needs and wage loss. PAF has no contractual obligation to provide such assistance to qualified enrollees.

Eligibility Assistance from the ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery 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.

ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund reserves the right to request additional information to verify compliance with program eligibility guidelines. Failure to provide the requested information may result in the closure of the application for assistance. Additionally, if at any time it becomes evident that information has been provided under false pretense the eligibility process for assistance will be terminated.

The ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund is administered by Patient Advocate Foundation ("PAF") for ARDS Alliance. Patients' contact information may be used in the future to share printed and/or electronic communications from PAF or ARDS Alliance. If the patient does not wish to receive print and/or electronic communications from PAF or ARDS Alliance, he/she may contact the program at 844-974-0257 and request to have his/her contact information removed from the mailing list.

Patient data collected through the application process may also be used in de-identified aggregated reports. This means that information and data patients provided to the ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund during the enrollment process may be combined with other patients' data to prepare reports analyzing patient needs. The ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund will only use de-identified patient data externally, i.e., patient data where all identifying data terms like the patient's name, identifying numbers, etc. have been removed. The ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund will always protect all patient information and adhere to the Patient Privacy Policy. A copy of the Patient Privacy Policy can be accessed on the Patient Advocate Foundation website: <https://www.patientadvocate.org/privacy-policy/>

By accepting a grant from the ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund patients are attesting that they agree to use the grant funds only for eligible expenses. The ARDS Alliance Sumita Dixit Recovery Fund reserves the right to request documentation from patients demonstrating that the grant funds have been used appropriately.