

### **Andrew Tod Thompson ARDS Alliance Family Support Grant Disclaimer**

The Andrew Tod Thompson ARDS Alliance Family Support Grant is an exclusive program and fully funded by ARDS Alliance in collaboration with our non-profit service partner, Patient Advocate Foundation. The Andrew Tod Thompson ARDS Alliance Family Support Grant eligible bereaved families to assist with financial needs related to funeral expenses and medical bills of a loved one who has passed from acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS). In order to qualify for financial assistance from the Andrew Tod Thompson ARDS Alliance Family Support Grant, the patient must (1) patient must have succumbed to the diagnosis of acute respiratory distress syndrome in the past 12 months (2) supply qualifying diagnosis documentation including a death certificate with cause of death, doctor verification and/or medical notes to the program (3) meet the financial eligibility requirements of the fund. The Andrew Tod Thompson ARDS Alliance Family Support Grant provides a grant to help cover out-of-pocket costs such as funeral and burial expenses, outstanding medical bills, counseling or therapy services, legal and administrative fees associated with the death, and other expenses directly related to coping with the loss of a loved one from ARDS.

Qualifying applicants are provided a one-time grant at the time they are approved for assistance from the Andrew Tod Thompson ARDS Alliance Family Support Grant. 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 program, 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 eligible expenses. PAF has no contractual obligation to provide such assistance to qualified enrollees. Eligibility Assistance from the Andrew Tod Thompson ARDS Alliance Family Support Grant 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.

Andrew Tod Thompson ARDS Alliance Family Support Grant 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 Andrew Tod Thompson ARDS Alliance Family Support Grant 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 Personal Information collected through the application process may also be used in de-identified aggregated reports. This means that information and data patients provided to the Andrew Tod Thompson ARDS Alliance Family Support Grant during the enrollment process may be combined with other patients’ data to prepare reports analyzing patient needs. The Andrew Tod Thompson ARDS Alliance Family Support Grant 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 Andrew Tod Thompson ARDS Alliance Family Support Grant 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 Andrew Tod Thompson ARDS Alliance Family Support Grant patients are attesting that they agree to use the grant funds only for eligible expenses. The Andrew Tod Thompson ARDS Alliance Family Support Grant reserves the right to request documentation from patients demonstrating that the grant funds have been used appropriately.

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