

## **Begin Again Foundation Bereavement Fund Program**

### **Disclaimer**

The Begin Again Foundation Bereavement Fund is an exclusive program of and fully funded by the Begin Again Foundation, in collaboration with our non-profit service partner, Patient Advocate Foundation.

Patient Advocate Foundation's ("PAF's") Begin Again Foundation Bereavement fund provides financial support for funeral expenses associated with patients who have passed and were diagnosed with Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS), Sepsis and/or Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS) and who were in active treatment or had been in active treatment within the past six (6) months. In order to qualify for financial assistance, the patient must (1) have passed away from the diagnosis of Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS), Sepsis and/or Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome (ARDS); (2) have passed in the past 6 months and (3) meet the financial eligibility requirements. The fund provides financial support for funeral expenses associated with patients who have passed.

PAF will not consider the identity of any physician, provider, supplier of items or services, donor, drug therapy, services or supplies being utilized, or the referral source when assessing whether an applicant is qualified for financial assistance through the Bereavement Fund. Under no circumstances will PAF recommend or refer a patient to any donor, provider, supplier, or product.

Qualifying patients are provided a one-time grant at the time they are approved for assistance from the Bereavement Fund. Financial assistance through the Bereavement Fund is provided on a first come, first served basis to the extent the fund has capacity to provide assistance.

Assistance from the Bereavement Fund is not dependent on the use of a particular drug, particular supplies, 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.

Patient Advocate Foundation reserves the right to request additional information about your health condition and treatment, which may include individually identifiable health information, other individually identifiable information, or consumer health data (collectively, "Personal Information") to verify compliance with program eligibility guidelines. Failure to provide the requested Personal Information may result in the closure of the application for assistance. Additionally, if at any time it becomes evident that Personal Information has been provided under false pretense the eligibility process for assistance will be terminated.

Patients' and applicants' Personal Information, such as contact information, may be used in the future to share printed and/or electronic communications from PAF. If the patient or applicant does not wish to receive printed and/or electronic communications from PAF, he/she may contact the program at 1-855-824-7941 and request to have his/her Personal Information removed from the mailing list. PAF will not be liable for any damages of any kind, without limitation related to the accuracy or inaccuracy of any Personal Information provided to PAF by you, your health care provider(s)/pharmacy(ies), and insurance company(ies), or for any harm such information may cause.

Personal Information may also be used in deidentified aggregated reports. This means that Personal Information patients and applicants provide to PAF may be deidentified and combined with other patients' data to prepare reports analyzing patient needs and the Bereavement Fund. Deidentified data is information that cannot be reasonably linked to you or be used to infer characteristics about you (i.e., where all identifying Personal Information like the patient's name, identifying numbers, etc. have been removed), so this data is no longer considered Personal Information. PAF will only use this information in a deidentified fashion and will not attempt to reidentify such data. PAF will always protect and use your Personal Information consistent with the PAF Privacy Policy, a copy of which can be found here: [Privacy and Compliance Policies - Patient Advocate Foundation](#).

By accepting a grant from the Begin Again Foundation Bereavement Fund patient's applicant are attesting that they agree to use the grant funds only for expenses related to funeral services. PAF and the Begin Again Foundation reserve the right to request documentation from patient's spouse, significant other, brother, sister, adult child, parent, funeral home, or crematorium demonstrating that the grant funds have been used only for expenses related to funeral expenses. (e.g., receipts).

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