



APPENDIX 11: CLIENT ASSISTANCE RESOURCES

The programs and links listed below are identified as a public service to direct the reader to further information on each topic. The presence of these links does not imply endorsement by the Wisconsin Well Woman Program.

CANCER INFORMATION, REFERRAL, AND SUPPORT RESOURCES

American Cancer Society: Provides information, resources, guidance, transportation assistance, and local support groups. The Navigator Program at ACS serves individuals with a cancer diagnosis by providing one-on-one assistance with navigating the health care system.

Toll-free telephone number: (800) ACS-2345.

Web-site: <http://www.cancer.org>

Avon Breast Care Fund: Provides funding for community outreach and breast cancer screening.

Telephone number: (212) 244-5368.

Web-site: <http://www.avonbreastcare.org>

Cancer Care: Provides support, information and referral services.

Toll-free telephone number: (800) 813-HOPE or call (212) 302-2400.

Web-site: <http://www.cancercare.org>

Cancer Information Service: Program of the National Cancer Institute: provides information about cancer and current clinical trials; referral to local screening services; English and Spanish materials.

Toll-free telephone number: (800) 4-CANCER.

Web-site: <http://cis.nci.nih.gov/>

Deanna Favre Hope Foundation: Provides assistance to women who are underserved or underinsured in their battle against breast cancer. *Web-site:*

<http://www.deannafavre4hope.com/hopefoundation/home/default.asp>

Dr. Susan Love Research Foundation: Offers information about breast cancer and women's health.

Web-site: <http://www.susanlovemd.com>

Indian Health Service – Women's Health information: Provides information on women's health and psychosocial issues.

Web-site: <http://www.ihs.gov/MedicalPrograms/MCH/W/index.cfm>

National Cancer Institute: Provides information and resources on cancer.

Web-site: <http://www.cancer.gov>

National Cervical Cancer Coalition: Provides information and resources on cervical cancer.

Web-site: <http://www.nccc-online.org/>

Oncolink: Information on cancer treatment and research advances.

Web-site: <http://www.oncolink.org/index.cfm>

Susan G. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation: Komen Connection is an on-line resource for information regarding breast health programs, print materials and videotapes. Provides materials appropriate for African American, Asian, Hispanic/Latina, Native American women, and lesbians.

Toll-free telephone number: (800- 462-9273).

Web-site: <http://ww5.komen.org/>

Wisconsin Breast Cancer Coalition: Advocacy for funding for breast cancer research and comprehensive insurance; promotion of legislation beneficial to breast cancer issues; improves access to cancer screening and diagnosis.

Toll-free telephone number: (888) 295-2622.

Web-site: <http://www.standupandspeakout.org>

Y-ME: Provides information and referral, support to women with breast cancer; has a 24 hour hotline staffed by breast cancer survivors.

Toll-free telephone number: (800) 221-2141.

Web-site: <http://www.y-me.org>

DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL ABUSE RESOURCES

National Domestic Abuse Hotline:

Toll-free telephone number: (800) 799-SAFE.

Native American Statewide Hotline:

Toll-free telephone number: (800) 236-7660.

Refugee Hotline (bilingual Hmong/English):

Toll-free telephone number: (888) 345-5898.

Wisconsin Coalition Against Domestic Violence:

Telephone number: (608) 255-0539.

Web-site: <http://www.wcadv.org>

Access "Get Help" on this web-site to find an alphabetical county listing of domestic abuse contacts.

Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault: Offers information and referral on any issue related to sexual violence; does not offer direct services to victim/survivors of sexual violence but can connect them to a local agency that does.

Telephone number: (608) 257-1516

Web-site: <http://www.wcasa.org/about/index.htm>

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Community Care / Charity Care / Hardship Funds: Most health care providers have a system in place designed to assist individuals who cannot afford medical services. These programs typically require the client to complete an application including financial and income information. Based on eligibility requirements, which vary from program to program, client charges may be significantly reduced. Information on these programs can be obtained directly from the health care provider's financial office. It is also important to remember that terms of payment can be negotiated with health care providers in advance of services. For example: a client may only be able to afford \$20/month and this can be arranged directly with the provider.

ForwardHealth: Find information about Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, Family Planning Waiver, Women Infants and Children (WIC), Long Term Care, ACCESS (an on-line tool with information regarding eligibility and benefits), and more.

Web-site: <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/ForwardHealth/>

The Margot Olmsted Care Fund: Women who require additional testing may be able to receive limited financial assistance through the Care Fund. All requests must originate from a local WWWP coordinator and be directed to the *Suburban Milwaukee Coordinator, Kim Melcher at (414) 328-7407 or via e-mail: kim.melcher@aurora.org*

Transportation funding: AVON has funding available through The AVON Cares Program to assist women with transportation, childcare and self-care expenses related to ongoing breast cancer treatment. AVON will send funds directly to the client in need of assistance.

Toll-free telephone number: (800) 813-HOPE (4673).

Web-site: <http://www.cancercare.org>

Wisconsin Family Planning Waiver Program: Provides family planning and limited health screening services.

Web-site:

<https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/Tab/42/icscontent/provider/FamilyPlanningWaiver/index.htm.spage>

Wisconsin Well Woman Medicaid - Fact Sheet:

Web-site: <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/MEDICAID/Publications/p-10065.htm>

MEDICATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

BadgerCare RxGold Program: Offers access to reduced-cost medications.

Toll-free Customer Service telephone number: (866) 809-9382

Web-site: <http://www.badgerrxgold.com/>

Directory of Prescription Drug Patient Assistance Programs:

Toll-free telephone number: (888) 477-2669.

Web-site: <http://www.helpingpatients.org>

NeedyMeds.com: Provides a listing of client assistance programs for prescription medications.

Telephone number: (215) 625-9609

Web-site: <http://www.needymeds.com>

Partnership for Prescription Assistance: Provides assistance to help clients get prescription medications.

Web-site: <http://www.pparx.org>

Rx Assist: Provides information about client prescription medication programs.

Telephone number: (401) 729-3284

Web-site: <http://www.rxassist.org>

The Medicine Program: Offers a discount prescription drug program.

Web-site: <http://www.themedicineprogram.com/>

Wisconsin SeniorCare: Prescription Drug Assistance Program for Wisconsin residents who are 65 years of age or older and who meet eligibility requirements.

Toll-free telephone number: (800) 657-2038.

Web-site: <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/seniorcare>

Wisconsin Cancer and Chronic Disease Drug Repository: Cancer and chronic disease patients may donate unused or discontinued medications and supplies to a participating pharmacy or medical facility. Those items will be given to individuals with cancer or chronic disease that do not have insurance or are underinsured.

Web-site: <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/bqaconsumer/cancerdrugreposy.htm>

GENERAL HEALTH RESOURCES

Center for Women's Health Research: Provides information about research.

Web-site: <http://www.womenshealth.wisc.edu>

UW Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention: Provides fact sheets, publications, and information on smoking cessation programs by county.

Telephone number: (608) 262-8673.

Web-site: <http://www.ctri.wisc.edu>

Wisconsin Tobacco Quit Line: Offers free medications and confidential coaching on how to quite smoking or chewing tobacco.

Toll-free telephone number: (800) 784-8669

Web-site: <http://www.ctri.wisc.edu/quitline.html>

Wisconsin Department of Health Services: Provides general health information.

Web-site: <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov>

Wisconsin Women's Health Foundation: Provides information about health resources, outreach, and education.

Web-site: <http://www.wwhf.org>

American Indian Health National Library of Medicine:

Web-site: <http://americanindianhealth.nlm.nih.gov>

Hmong Health Education Network:

Web-site: <http://www.hmonghealth.org>

National Alliance for Hispanic Health:

Toll-free telephone number: (866) 783-2645.

Web-site: <http://www.hispanichealth.org>

National Council of La Raza:

Telephone number: (202) 785-1670

Web-site: <http://www.nclr.org>

National Women's Health Information Center:

Toll-free telephone number: (800) 994-WOMAN.

Web-site: <http://www.4woman.gov>

NativeWeb: Health Resources:

Web-site: <http://www.nativeweb.org>

Office of Minority Health:

Toll-free telephone number: (800) 444-6472.

Web-site: <http://www.omhrc.gov>