

CAREGIVERS, FIND RELIEF



Rare Caregiver Respite Program



This first-of-its-kind assistance program is designed for caregivers (parent, spouse, family member, or significant other) of a child or adult diagnosed with a rare disorder. NORD understands that caring for a loved one is a generous gift that demands significant amounts of time, attention, patience and dedication.

The Respite Program provides financial assistance to enable the caregiver a break to attend a conference, event or simply have an afternoon or evening away from caregiving. Financial assistance will be granted up to \$500 annually for those who qualify. Awards may be spread throughout the year or in a single use.

Alone we are rare. Together we are strong.®

What care may be covered?

- Registered Nurse (RN)
- Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN)
- Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA)
- Home Health Aide (HHA)

Who is eligible?

- The caregiver must be a US citizen or permanent resident of the United States for at least 6 months with evidence of residency
- The applicant must be willing to undergo a financial evaluation of need and fall within the Program's financial eligibility guidelines
- The patient for whom care is being provided must have a confirmed rare disease diagnosis

How do you apply?

Awards are granted on a first come, first served basis to eligible individuals. A NORD Patient Services Representative will guide the applicant through the process, including verifying financial eligibility using our Electronic Income Verification System.

The application decision process can take as few as five minutes over the telephone. Applications completed and submitted via email, fax or US mail will be processed within three business days of receipt. There is no fee to apply.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS PROGRAM, CONTACT NORD AT:

203.616.4328 or email CaregiverRespite@rarediseases.org

Donations to NORD for this and other programs may be made by contacting orphan@rarediseases.org.

NORD: Fighting for the rare community every day for more than 35 years.

NORD is committed to the identification, treatment, and cure of rare disorders through programs of education, advocacy, research and patient support services.

NORD does not recommend or endorse any particular medical treatment but encourages patients to seek the advice of their clinicians.

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