

Legal Handbook for Cancer Survivors

In the United States, one in three women and one in two men will be diagnosed with cancer during their lifetime. More than 1.4 million Americans will be diagnosed with cancer this year. More than 12 million Americans are currently living with cancer. Beyond medical issues, a cancer diagnosis can raise a variety of legal issues and concerns. Recognizing the need for a resource addressing the legal issues faced by cancer survivors in the Commonwealth of Virginia, the YLC partnered with the Legal Information Network for Cancer to develop a Legal Handbook for Cancer Survivors. The Handbook covers the following topics:

- Paying for medical care if you do not have insurance, if you are using government provided insurance, or if you have private insurance;
- Financial issues, including budgeting, maintaining your housing, deal with creditors, bankruptcy, and avoiding predatory lending and foreclosure rescue scams;
- Employment issues, such as working during treatment, how to keep your job if you cannot work, and various forms of financial assistance if you cannot work; and
- Planning for the future with respect to health care, financial, and other decisions through advance directives, powers of attorney, and wills.

The Handbook also contains an appendix of sample forms and a comprehensive resource list. The YLC has been and is continuing to distribute the Handbook throughout Virginia. If you are interested in obtaining copies of the Handbook, please complete the form below.

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