



# International Waldenstrom's Macroglobulinemia Foundation (IWMF) Travel & Lodging Assistance Program

## TRAVEL & LODGING ASSISTANCE

### What is the purpose of this program?

Having a rare diagnosis is difficult. Adding in the cost of numerous consults and the complex care required to diagnose and manage it, makes a rare disease even harder.

Thanks to funding from the IWMF, this program will help lessen the financial burden on people affected by Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia.



The IWMF Travel & Lodging Assistance Program provides individuals diagnosed with Waldenstrom's macroglobulinemia (WM), or those being evaluated for the disease, with financial assistance for travel and lodging related to second-opinion or diagnosis confirmation appointments up to the program's established financial limit.



### Who is eligible for this program?

You must meet all of the following criteria to be eligible:

- Have a confirmed diagnosis, or be under evaluation for WM.
- Have a scheduled second-opinion or diagnosis confirmation appointment with a healthcare provider and provide verification of appointment documentation.  
(Note, travel for appointment must exceed 2-hour distance from applicant's home.)
- Be a United States citizen or permanent resident; in many cases, residents from outside the U.S. may be eligible.
- Meet the program's financial eligibility criteria.

Alone we are rare. Together we are strong.®

## What is the application process?

Individuals may be referred to the program by their healthcare provider, their case managers, or they may self-refer.

Applications may be completed over the phone, by email or online through NORD's website.

A NORD Patient Services Representative will guide the applicant through the application process, and verify eligibility for inclusion in the Program.

Awards are based on meeting eligibility criteria and funding availability, and are made on a first-come, first served basis.

## How does this program assist?

NORD will book and prepay travel and lodging costs for the eligible individual's WM-related consult. The award is capped at \$1,500 for approved expenses which may include:

- Round trip economy class airfare for the patient and up to one traveling companion.
- Hotel accommodations for up to two nights.
- A flat rate reimbursement of \$200 to cover expenses related to mileage, tolls and parking, if a personal vehicle is used for transportation for the eligible appointment.

### Program Partner



## How do I get more information and apply?

Contact NORD T&L Assistance Program

Monday-Friday 8:30 am – 6:00 pm ET

☎ 203.308.5902

🖨 203.293.9613

✉ IWMFTravel@rarediseases.org

✉ US MAIL to: NORD  
Attention: IWMF Travel Program  
55 Kenosia Avenue  
Danbury, CT 06810

## NORD is Here for You

*NORD, a 501(c)(3) organization, is a patient advocacy organization dedicated to individuals with rare diseases and the organizations that serve them. NORD, along with its more than 300 patient organization members, is committed to the identification, treatment, and cure of rare disorders through programs of education, advocacy, research, and patient services.*

*NORD was founded by families struggling to obtain access to treatments and whose advocacy for change led to the passage of the Orphan Drug Act in 1983. NORD assists eligible patients (those with medical and financial needs) in affording the treatments and medical services their healthcare professionals have prescribed.*