



**April 9 2020**

**TO OLDER ADULT SERVING AGENCIES:**

CancerCare Manitoba, with support through emergent temporary funding from *Canadian Partnership Against Cancer (CPAC)*, is reaching out to collaborate with you to support older adults' continuity of cancer care through the COVID-19 pandemic.

CancerCare Manitoba clinicians are diligently working to identify how to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19 and provide alternatives to in-person visits when appropriate. There are also times when patients must be seen in person or receive treatment at a CancerCare Manitoba location and maintain risk reduction strategies to limit contracting COVID-19.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, older adults with cancer may experience unanticipated/unplanned challenges that could negatively impact their ability to safely access cancer care. This may mean some older adults will require some financial assistance related to travel/transportation and accommodations to attend their cancer related appointments and treatment. We are reaching out to inform you CancerCare Manitoba has access to limited funds to support our patients requiring additional assistance for their cancer care. If you are currently supporting an older adult with cancer who is requiring assistance for reasons related to COVID-19, we encourage you to submit a request to [awiens4@cancercare.mb.ca](mailto:awiens4@cancercare.mb.ca).

Please note that all requests will be reviewed and we cannot guarantee all requests will be accommodated.

If you have additional questions or require more information, please contact:

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