

Guidelines for Patient Sponsorship

Transportation assistance may be given for one or more of the following:

Comprehensive care visit
Participation in research studies
SQUID (until it is FDA approved and billable).

What Children's Hospital & Research Center at Oakland/Thalassemia Program will cover:

Up to \$500 for a domestic flight for patient and if they are a minor one parent to accompany them
Family House (2-3 days or the length of time needed to complete appointments). This will be
arranged by Jean Marie Knudsen, MSW, Social Worker

Hematology Doctors Visit

SQUID

Each patient will be given information on current thalassemia research studies being conducted at
Children's Hospital & Research Center at Oakland.

What family or their insurance is required to cover:

Labs

X-rays/standard radiology services

MRI T2*

Coverage for other medical services

If they stay in the Bay Area after their hospital visit, they are responsible for their own
accommodations

Requests must be made in writing at least 4 months before a patient's visit:

Please send request to:

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS
Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator
Department of Hem/Onc
Children's Hospital Oakland
747 Fifty Second Street
Oakland, CA 94609-1809
Ph: 510-428-3885 x 5427
Email: LLevine@mail.cho.org

Please include:

- Dates of your requested visit
- Accommodations needed
- Patient information including age and diagnosis
- Where does the patient receive your care and what thalassemia centers has the patient visited in the past?
- What services you would like provided
- W2 form from previous tax year

Patients/families must have an income below \$40,000 (CCS cutoff) to qualify for assistance.

Laurice Levine, MA, CCLS, Thalassemia Outreach Coordinator; Jean Marie Knudsen, MSW, Social Worker, and Dru Foote, PNP, Nurse Practitioner will review information. Final approval by Elliott Vichinsky, MD, Director of Hematology/Oncology