

# 2010 SHARING HOPE PROGRAM FOR MEN

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## Criteria and Application

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## PROGRAM OVERVIEW

### **Goal**

Cancer patients have little opportunity to save for the high costs of cancer treatment, let alone budget for procedures or treatments intended to preserve the possibility of conceiving with their own sperm. Yet there is only a small window of opportunity between diagnosis and treatment during which cancer patients may pursue these options, and the upfront costs are often prohibitive. The goal of the **LIVESTRONG** Sharing Hope program for men is to increase access to such procedures and treatments for qualified men who are diagnosed with cancer in their reproductive years.

The **LIVESTRONG** Sharing Hope program, formerly administered by Fertile Hope, is proud to offer assistance to qualified male applicants by providing access to discounted sperm banking services through the generous support of participating sperm banking facilities.

### **Overview**

The Sharing Hope program does not grant direct financial contributions to individuals, but instead has partnered with key organizations to increase access to procedures and treatments intended to preserve the possibility of fertility for certain qualified cancer patients whose medical treatments present the risk of infertility and who meet the criteria set forth below.

For a list of participating facilities, please go to [LIVESTRONG.org/fertilehope](http://LIVESTRONG.org/fertilehope) or call 866.965.7205.

### **What is covered?**

**LIVESTRONG's** Sharing Hope program for men helps reduce the cost of sperm banking.

The services that are available at reduced cost include but may not be limited to:

- One on-site collection of a sperm specimen at a participating location or one off-site collection of a sperm specimen through the Live:On sperm banking by mail service.
- Analysis, processing and freezing of one sperm specimen
- A one-year storage contract

Discounts on additional specimens or additional years of storage may be available.

For details on discounted rates and services for individual clinics, call **LIVESTRONG** at 866.965.7205.

### **What is not covered?**

While we understand the importance of other fertility preservation and parenthood options, **LIVESTRONG's** Sharing Hope program for men only covers sperm banking. The reduced cost offered by the sperm bank does not include many of the ancillary costs of preparing for, going through or storage after treatment.

These additional costs could include, but are not limited to:

- Laboratory work performed on your behalf
- Doctor's fees
- Long-term storage (beyond the initial one-year storage contract)
- Implantation procedures

The program participant or his insurance company will have to bear the costs of services provided by entities or individuals not affiliated with the Sharing Hope program, including, but not limited to, the costs associated with the ancillary services noted above. It is important to know what those costs are and to plan accordingly.

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Prior to banking sperm, all program participants are required to have infectious disease blood tests. Patients must contact the participating sperm bank to find out which blood tests are required and when the tests must be conducted and sent to the facility. The participant's oncologist may conduct the tests or the tests can be performed on-site at the sperm bank at an additional cost. If the test results are not received, the participant may be charged additional quarantine fees.

If a physician determines that treatments or medications other than the services provided by the sperm bank are necessary, the participant will be responsible for the cost of such treatments and medications.

Some of the fertility preservation technologies covered by the Sharing Hope program are only available in major metropolitan areas. **LIVESTRONG** will make its best effort to refer patients to the nearest participating facility, but the program does not cover the cost of travel.

The Sharing Hope program does not cover the cost of oncology services or any associated expenses incurred during cancer treatments. Please keep in mind that **LIVESTRONG** is not a medical provider; all program participants acknowledge and agree that **LIVESTRONG** shall not be liable for any aspect of their current and future treatment. All cancer patients should discuss the risks, side effects, time requirements and other aspects of all treatment options with their physicians before selecting the most appropriate course of care.

For more information about the Sharing Hope program or the **LIVESTRONG** SurvivorCare program, which can help anyone affected by cancer, contact us at 866.965.7205.

## HOW TO APPLY

### **Eligibility Criteria**

LIVESTRONG selects participants for the Sharing Hope program based on the following criteria. Only patients who meet ALL of the following criteria will be accepted.

- U.S. citizen or permanent resident
- Annual household income is less than or equal to \$50,000 (single) or \$75,000 (married)
- Diagnosis of certain types of cancer
- Oncologist has determined that the recommended cancer treatments present the risk of infertility
- Individual has not yet started fertility-damaging cancer treatments
- Oncologist and reproductive endocrinologist have both determined that the treatments and associated medications are medically appropriate
- No contraindication to fertility preservation and/or fertility treatments as determined by an oncologist
- Uninsured or denied insurance coverage for the treatments and procedures required for sperm banking
- Individual has not previously participated in the Sharing Hope program

Please contact us directly for further clarification regarding any of the eligibility requirements listed above.

### **Application Requirements**

Please complete the following forms with the help of your medical team and make a copy for your records. Please print clearly and submit your completed application to LIVESTRONG via mail, fax or email to:

#### **LIVESTRONG**

Attn: Sharing Hope  
2201 East Sixth Street  
Austin, TX 78702  
Fax: 212.504.7966  
Email: [survivorcare@LIVESTRONG.org](mailto:survivorcare@LIVESTRONG.org)

Please note: your application will NOT be processed if you do not meet the eligibility criteria listed above or if any of the following information has not been received:

- Completed Patient Authorization and Consent Form
  - Completed Oncologist Referral and Certification Form
  - Copy of your 1040 Federal Tax Return Form from the most recent year
- If you did not file taxes, call the IRS at 800.829.1040 and request a Tax Return Transcript.

### **Next Steps**

LIVESTRONG will notify applicants of approval or denial by phone, mail and/or email within one week of receipt of the required forms. If we have not contacted you within that time frame, please contact us to verify receipt. All approved applicants will receive an approval letter outlining next steps.

Please note: prior to banking sperm, all program participants are required to have infectious disease blood tests. Contact the participating sperm bank to find out which blood tests are required and when the tests must be conducted and sent to the facility. If you wish to expedite the sperm banking process, you may want to have these tests conducted by your oncologist while awaiting approval from the Sharing Hope program.

Please DO NOT send the results of the infectious disease blood tests to LIVESTRONG with your application.

# PATIENT AUTHORIZATION AND CONSENT FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL THE FIELDS IN THE FOLLOWING FORM AND KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

PLEASE NOTE: YOU SHOULD DISCUSS THE RISKS, SIDE EFFECTS AND OTHER ASPECTS OF ALL TREATMENT OPTIONS WITH YOUR PHYSICIANS BEFORE SELECTING THE BEST COURSE OF TREATMENT FOR YOU. IF AT ANY TIME YOUR PHYSICIANS HAVE ADVISED YOU OR DO ADVISE YOU TO SEEK TREATMENT FOR CANCER IMMEDIATELY, IT IS THE POSITION OF LIVESTRONG THAT YOU SHOULD NOT DELAY YOUR TREATMENTS IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROGRAM.

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

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LAST NAME FIRST MIDDLE

STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

SOCIAL SECURITY DATE OF BIRTH

CANCER TYPE

PRIMARY PHONE SECONDARY PHONE EMAIL

I GIVE LIVESTRONG PERMISSION TO SPEAK WITH ANOTHER PARTY REGARDING MY SHARING HOPE APPLICATION (EG. PARENT/GUARDIAN, SIGNIFICANT OTHER, FRIEND).

NAME RELATION PRIMARY PHONE

## INSURANCE INFORMATION

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COMPANY NAME GROUP NUMBER POLICY NUMBER

TELEPHONE NUMBER  UNINSURED

## FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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### AVERAGE THREE-YEAR ANNUAL HOUSEHOLD INCOME

I CERTIFY THAT MY YEARLY INCOME OR THREE-YEAR INCOME AVERAGE IS

- EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN \$50,000 (FOR SINGLE APPLICANTS)  
 EQUAL TO OR LESS THAN \$75,000 (FOR MARRIED APPLICANTS)

### CONFIRM

- I HAVE SENT IN MY 1040 FEDERAL TAX RETURN FORM FROM THE MOST RECENT YEAR.

## Sperm Bank Information

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CLINIC NAME CITY STATE PHONE NUMBER

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Contact: LIVESTRONG; Attn: Sharing Hope; 2201 East Sixth Street; Austin, TX 78702; Fax: 212.504.7966

**Applicant Certification and Authorization to Release Medical Information**

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I certify that the information provided in this application is complete and accurate. I authorize the release of the information contained in this application. I understand it is for the sole use of **LIVESTRONG**, its representatives and/or agents in order to assess my eligibility for participation in the Sharing Hope program. I authorize **LIVESTRONG**, its representatives and/or agents to request and obtain from my physicians and any insurer any medical or other patient information related to my treatment for cancer and infertility. I also authorize **LIVESTRONG**, its representatives and/or agents to share the information contained herein with participating sperm banks in order to secure assistance for me under the Sharing Hope program. I agree to immediately inform **LIVESTRONG** if my income or insurance status changes and to provide any documentation that **LIVESTRONG** requests to verify the same. I further authorize these parties to contact me directly, if necessary, to process this application. I understand that my application for assistance from the Sharing Hope program does not guarantee that assistance will be provided. I understand that eligibility for the Sharing Hope program is subject to approval under the criteria and requirements set forth herein and that **LIVESTRONG** reserves the right to change or terminate this program without prior notice. I agree to abide by this certification and authorization throughout my participation in the Sharing Hope program and to notify **LIVESTRONG** if aspects of my certification and authorization form are no longer applicable. I understand that **LIVESTRONG** is not itself a medical provider, and by submitting this application with my signature below, I acknowledge and agree that **LIVESTRONG** shall not be liable for any aspect of my current and future treatment. I understand that there are no guarantees that the procedures intended to assist in preserving fertility will be successful in preserving my fertility. I also understand the success rates of the procedures and I agree that **LIVESTRONG** shall not be liable for any treatment failure.

I assume all risk of and financial responsibility for any loss or injury related directly or indirectly to my participation in the program and agree to indemnify and hold **LIVESTRONG** harmless from and against any and all costs, claims, demands, charges, liabilities, obligations or fees incurred or suffered by me as a result of, or arising out of, my participation in the Sharing Hope program except for claims resulting wholly from the gross negligence of **LIVESTRONG**.

I have discussed with my physicians the risks, side effects and other aspects of sperm banking before selecting it as a course of treatment for me.

By signing below, I certify that I have completely and accurately disclosed, and at all times will completely and accurately disclose, my medical history to all of my health care providers, including but not limited to, any oncologist. I understand that the agreements under the Sharing Hope program shall be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Texas without regard to its conflicts of law provisions.

PATIENT SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE (IF PATIENT UNDER AGE 18) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

# ONCOLOGIST REFERRAL & CERTIFICATION FORM

PLEASE COMPLETE ALL THE FIELDS IN THE FOLLOWING FORM AND KEEP A COPY FOR YOUR RECORDS. *INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.*

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## PATIENT INFORMATION

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LAST NAME FIRST MIDDLE

STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PRIMARY PHONE SECONDARY PHONE EMAIL

DOB

## PHYSICIAN INFORMATION

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LAST NAME FIRST MIDDLE

TITLE STATE LICENSE NUMBER FULL NAME OF CLINIC OR HOSPITAL

STREET ADDRESS CITY STATE ZIP CODE

PHONE FAX EMAIL

HOSPITAL OR CLINIC CONTACT NAME

PHONE FAX EMAIL

## TREATMENT INFORMATION

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CANCER TYPE

TREATMENT PLAN (PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- SURGERY TO THE REPRODUCTIVE AREA, PLEASE EXPLAIN \_\_\_\_\_
- RADIATION TO THE BRAIN OR REPRODUCTIVE AREA, PLEASE EXPLAIN \_\_\_\_\_
- CHEMOTHERAPY, PLEASE EXPLAIN \_\_\_\_\_
- OTHER, PLEASE EXPLAIN \_\_\_\_\_

TREATMENT TIMELINE (SHOULD FALL AFTER SPERM BANKING):

ESTIMATED START DATE ESTIMATED END DATE

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**For the following two questions, please check yes or no. ANSWERS ARE REQUIRED FOR BOTH QUESTIONS; INCOMPLETE ANSWERS WILL DELAY PROCESSING.**

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MY INTENDED TREATMENT PLAN PRESENTS A RISK THAT THE PATIENT MAY BECOME INFERTILE.

YES       NO

ARE THERE ANY KNOWN MEDICAL CONTRAINDICATIONS TO THE ABOVE-NAMED PATIENT UNDERGOING FERTILITY PRESERVATION TREATMENTS AND THE ASSOCIATED RISKS AND SIDE EFFECTS?

YES       NO

**LIVESTRONG** is not itself a medical provider, and you, the treating physician, acknowledge and agree that **LIVESTRONG** shall not be liable for any aspect of the treatment of the patient you have referred to us for participation in **LIVESTRONG's** Sharing Hope program.

ONCOLOGIST SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_