Cancer-Related Financial Toxicity (CRFT)

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a national crisis hiding in plain sight. Families fighting cancer are overwhelmed by lost income and increased out-of-pocket costs associated with treatment. As a result, they face higher mortality rates, the inability to adhere to their treatment plans and bankruptcy.



There are 15 million people living with cancer in the United States



73% of adult patients will experience some form of CRFT

Higher Mortality and Relapse Rates







Children from high-poverty areas relapse sooner than children in low-poverty areas

Interrupted Access To Care







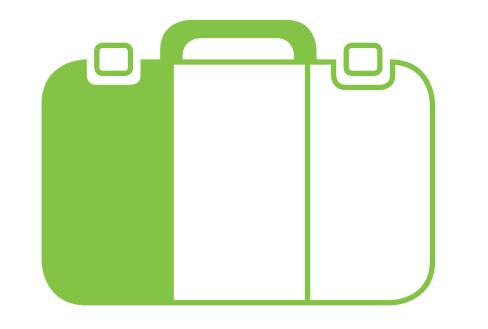


29% of patients skip doctors appointments

38% postpone or do not fill drug prescriptions 31% cut oral medications in half

34% skip doses entirely

Inability To Afford Daily Living Expenses & Bankruptcy



BANKRUPTCY 2.65X MORE LIKELY



The most commonly reported material hardships among families of a child with cancer are:

Only one-third of cancer patients continue working full time after diagnosis Adult cancer patients are 2.65x more likely to file for bankruptcy 42% of insured cancer patients reported a significant or catastrophic financial burden



A comprehensive summary of the current research on CRFT is available in the Family Reach white paper "CRFT and its Pervasive Effects on Patients and Families: Solving a National Health and Economic Crisis Hiding in Plain Sight."

