



Enduring Hearts Road to Recovery Gas Card Program

NEED: Transplant families endure frequent back and forth travel during hospitalizations and follow-up appointments/labs during pre and post transplantation. Due to the financial burdens associated with transplant cost, families often lack additional resources to afford fuel costs associated with this required travel.

OBJECTIVE: The goal of the **Enduring Hearts Road to Recovery Gas Card Program** is to help mitigate fuel costs associated with transplant care. The program is not meant to cover all fuel costs but to help offset this financial burden.

GUIDELINES:

- Eligible Persons - Primary caregiver(s) of a pediatric heart transplant recipient or wait listed candidates. Only one application per quarter per heart transplant recipient. Candidates must be receiving care in an Enduring Hearts approved transplant partner center.
- Eligible Centers - Enduring Hearts is rapidly increasing participating transplant centers across the US. The program is running in over 25 hospitals across the US. Program expansion is contingent upon funding.
- Time-limited - Gas card program recipients are eligible for up to twelve continuous months of total assistance and may begin in one eligible area and move to another eligible area during the twelve-month eligibility period. Eligible recipients must meet one of the following:
- Pre-transplant - Assistance is available for the primary caregiver of a child who has been waitlisted for a heart transplant. The patient may be waiting either in home or at the hospital.
- Post-transplant - Primary caregiver may receive assistance post transplantation.
- Application Process - Enduring Hearts Road to Recovery Gas Card application will be submitted directly through EH website portal and validated by the transplant center social worker. Families must resubmit requests for continued care every quarter to remain eligible. Funding is based upon availability and renewed quarterly for up to four quarters. Applicant agrees to allow Enduring Hearts to communicate with the named transplant center to verify the transplant status. No other personal information will be disclosed.
- Application Deadlines - Applications must be received no later than two weeks prior to the start of a new quarter. See website for exact dates by quarter.

- Amount of Award - The amount of assistance offered will be based upon whether the patient is pre-transplant or post-transplant, validation of status will be provided by the transplant center social worker.
- Payment Method - If approved, gas cards will be directly disbursed to the caregiver. There are no cash or check payments and payments will not be retroactive. Lost or stolen gas cards cannot be replaced. Gas cards are not to be resold.
- Redemption - The applicant will receive an email from Enduring Hearts that will include a code along with information and instructions to receive their gas card. Once the code is redeemed, the card that they have chosen will be delivered by USPS mail.
- Acceptance - Gas card families will agree to be included in the Enduring Hearts "What's New for the Kids" email about important transplant research.