



AVERY'S HOPE: RARE PEDIATRIC GI LODGING ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

What is the purpose of this program?

NORD's Rare Pediatric GI Lodging Assistance Program opened thanks to a donation from Avery's Hope.

Having a rare diagnosis is difficult. Add in the complex care and numerous consults required to treat and manage that diagnosis, it makes a rare diagnosis even harder.

This program seeks to lessen the financial burden for the rare pediatric GI patient community.

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NORD's Rare Pediatric GI Lodging Assistance Program offers financial support to the rare pediatric GI diagnosed community in the form of lodging assistance to enable rare disease specific consults, care and treatment.



Who is eligible for this program?

Eligibility:

- Confirmed rare GI diagnosis in a pediatric-aged individual.
- United States citizen or US resident of six (6) months or greater with evidence of residency, such as a utility bill or school record showing the patient's name and address.
- Meet the program's financial eligibility criteria.

Alone we are rare. Together we are strong.®

What is the application process?

Patients (or their parent/guardian) may be referred to the program by their health care provider, their case managers, or they may self-refer.

A NORD Patient Services representative will guide the applicant (parent/guardian) through the application process, and verify eligibility for inclusion in the program.

Awards are based on meeting eligibility criteria and funding availability, and are made on a first-come, first serve basis.

How does this program assist individuals?

NORD will book and prepay hotel/lodging costs for the patient's rare GI related consult, medical visit or treatment.

- Verification of a confirmed rare GI diagnosis is required.
- A letter of verification of scheduled rare disease specific consult/appointment is required.
- Award maximum of \$1,000 (subject to funding availability).

How do I get more information and apply?

Contact NORD T&L Assistance Program

Monday-Friday 8:30 am – 6:00 pm ET

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✉ US MAIL to: NORD
Attention: RarePedGI Lodging Assistance
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NORD® is Here for You

NORD, a 501(c)(3) organization, is a patient advocacy organization dedicated to individuals with rare diseases and the organizations that serve them. NORD, along with its more than 300 patient organization members, is committed to the identification, treatment, and cure of rare disorders through programs of education, advocacy, research, and patient services.

NORD was founded by families struggling to obtain access to treatments and whose advocacy for change led to the passage of the Orphan Drug Act in 1983. NORD assists eligible patients (those with medical and financial needs) in affording the treatments and medical services their healthcare professionals have prescribed.