

## The Baystate Special Travelers Fund

*Mission: to bring hope, strength and joy to terminally-ill patients of Baystate Health by reuniting them with those they love.*

The fund provides assistance, on a small scale, for family members/close friends who cannot afford to visit with a terminally-ill patient at Baystate Medical Center, Baystate Franklin Medical Center, Baystate Mary Lane Hospital or on service with the Baystate Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice. The fund pays for 100% of the most economical regularly scheduled round-trip air/train/bus fare to and from Springfield, Massachusetts. The fund may also provide for convenient lodging and round-trip ground transport from Bradley International Airport (BDL) in Windsor Locks, Connecticut or the Springfield bus, train station or funds for petroleum to/from our Baystate Health hospitals in Western Massachusetts.

**Requirements:** Travelers must be unable to afford the travel expenses and be:

- Medically-fit for travel to Springfield, Massachusetts, USA and at least 6 years of age.
- If traveling by air, and a U.S. citizen, have a valid U.S. Government issued identification with photograph; or a passport for travel and other required documentation for entry into the United States.
- Visitors under 18 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.
- Requests are limited to one patient, one-time only, for one or two financially disadvantaged travelers, at a cap of \$1500 total.
- Be family members or friends of a Baystate Medical Center, Baystate Franklin Medical Center or Baystate Mary Lane Hospital in-patient or a patient on service with Baystate Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice with a terminal medical condition.
- Depending on the nature of the request, those travelers benefiting should make some contribution (if possible) and not rely 100% on funds for their trip from the Fund.
- At the end of the visit, 2 copies of a report describing the experience are required, as well as permission to use the report for promotional use of the Baystate Special Travelers Fund.

**How to apply:** If the requirements have been met, print out the application form located at [baystatehealth.org/specialtravelersfund](http://baystatehealth.org/specialtravelersfund) and fax (413-794-3670) or email ([deborah.morsi@baystatehealth.org](mailto:deborah.morsi@baystatehealth.org)) a complete application form, signed by the patient, if possible, to the fund administrator, Deborah Morsi, Ph.D., R.N., chief nursing officer, Baystate Health. The patient's treating physician makes the final determination of whether a patient's medical condition qualifies him or her for a visit.

**For more information:** visit [baystatehealth.org/specialtravelersfund](http://baystatehealth.org/specialtravelersfund).

**How to donate to the fund:** This fund accepts memorial contributions in the names of loved ones or relatives, at all contribution levels. Funds are received via mail at Baystate Special Travelers Fund, c/o Baystate Health Foundation, 280 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01199. 100% percent of the revenue received by this Fund goes directly to providing services to Special Travelers.