

# LOVE CANAL MEDICAL FUND

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## What Health Problems May Be Covered By The Love Canal Medical Fund ?

Love Canal Medical Fund beneficiaries often ask what health problems the fund covers. In this bulletin we list many of the diseases for which the Love Canal Medical Fund has reimbursed beneficiaries. We thought this list could help you to better understand the wide range of diseases and health related costs that have been covered.

As you know, all medical costs incurred by beneficiaries must reasonably be associated with exposure to chemicals at Love Canal.

Below you will find a list of commonly submitted claims which have been approved for payment by the Love Canal Medical Fund Board.

These are only examples and the list is not inclusive. Each claim is considered on its own merit and must be approved by the board.

*Please refer to your new Benefits manual for details of the Medical Benefits Plan and how to submit a claim. When in doubt, follow the instructions and, submit the claim for review by our claims adjuster.*

**Cancer of various types:** lung, brain tumor, breast, stomach, colon, liver, bone, bladder, prostate, mouth, cervix

**Brain and nervous system:** brain cyst, cerebral aneurysm, epilepsy/seizures, migraines, Bell's palsy, multiple sclerosis, myasthenia gravis, sciatica, ulnar palsy, Parkinson's disease

**Psychiatric disorders (mental illness):** depression, anxiety, schizophrenia, manic-depressive (bipolar) disorder

**Disorders of ears/nose/sinus, mouth:** serous otitis media, cholesteotoma, certain types of hearing loss, allergic rhinitis, sinusitis, nasal polyps

**Eye disease:** glaucoma, inflammatory disease, certain vision problems (such as those related to diabetes including cataracts)

**Respiratory system:** asthma, bronchitis, emphysema, chronic obstructive lung disease, pulmonary embolus (blood clot in lung), sleep apnea

**Heart and circulatory system:** angina, aortic aneurysm, aortic stenosis, replacement of aortic valve, mitral valve prolapse, arteriosclerotic heart disease, cardiac arrhythmia, hypertension, arteriosclerosis of lower extremities

**Digestive system:** gastritis, stomach ulcer, hiatal hernia, rectal bleeding, spastic bowel syndrome, diverticulitis, gall bladder disease

**Urinary system:** benign prostatic hypertrophy, prostatitis, protein in urine, chronic urinary tract infection

**Gynecologic disorders:** breast cysts, fibrocystic disease of the breast, cervical polyps, ovarian cysts, ectopic pregnancy, dysfunctional uterine bleeding, fibroid tumors of the uterus, infertility

**Disease of the blood and lymphatic systems:** leukemia, pernicious anemia, hemochromatosis, lymphoma—Hodgkins' and non-Hodgkins'

**Immune/Endocrine disorders:** Addison's disease, hyperthyroidism, hypothyroidism, diabetes, pancreatitis, lupus, gout

**Skin disorders:** acne, eczema, psoriasis, shingles, rosacea, dermatitis

**Bones and muscles:** bursitis, fibrocytis, osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, spinal stenosis, bone cysts

**Birth defects:** hydrocephalus/microcephaly, cleft palate, congenitally missing teeth, orthodontia for congenital problems of mouth and teeth, other birth defects including webbed toes, malformation of intestinal arteries, kidney abnormalities

**Other coverage:**  
chemotherapy  
prescription drugs  
yearly physical exams

This list represents only those health related costs that the Love Canal Medical Fund has covered to date. If you think your health problem may be reasonably associated with exposures to chemicals at Love Canal, please contact the Fund and inquire.

For more information, please write to:

**Love Canal Medical Fund**  
**P.O. Box 540, Grand Island, NY 14072**



### **New Board Member Search**

The Love Canal Medical Fund Board is looking for new members, especially young adults, the "kids" from Love Canal. If you know anyone who may be interested in being considered for a seat on the board, please write to LCMF. We will need names, current addresses and phone numbers.

### **Were you in shape this summer?**

No, we're not asking about how you look in your bathing suit . . . we're talking about your general health. Before you go on vacation, or after you return, you might want to schedule a visit to your physician for a yearly checkup, even if you are feeling fine. The Love Canal Medical Fund will reimburse you up to \$250, with no deductible for an annual physical exam. A yearly physical can aid in keeping you healthy, so you can relax and enjoy what's left of this warm weather and enjoy many more summers to come.

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