FOR CAREGIVERS:
Work & Financial Support

ADVANCED BREAST CANCER (ABC) CAN HAVE AN ECONOMIC IMPACT ON BOTH THE PATIENT AND THE CAREGIVER.

An ABC diagnosis can set off a number of worries related to the workplace. Be sure to review work-related topics such as:

- Telling a boss or coworkers about the diagnosis
- Working during treatment
- Taking time off work
- Self-employment and treatment
- Looking for a new job
- Recognizing and responding to discrimination at work

Make sure you & your loved one understand your rights:

- [Americans with Disabilities Act](#)
- [Patient advocacy](#)
- [Cancer legal resource center](#)
- [Supportive work environments](#)
- Managing time off of work
  - [Family and Medical Leave Act](#)
  - [Flexible work options](#)

Addressing Financial Issues

Review topics such as [advance directives](#) and [estate planning](#) before you need them.

Research helpful tips to learn how and when to discuss your financial situation, and find resources to help you manage:

- Hospital bills
- Insurance
- Home health care
- Prescription coverage
- Practical needs
- Family financial planning

Insurance deductibles, copayments and logistical costs such as transportation, additional childcare or pet care costs and home assistance add up. At the same time, patients and caregivers find themselves taking time off of work to manage the disease and worry if this means they’ll lose their jobs. There are resources to help lessen this burden for you and your loved one.

Source: [http://www.breastcancer.org/tips/your_job](http://www.breastcancer.org/tips/your_job)