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The Program “Just like home”

- Fondazione Telethon has launched in 2016 the program “Just like home” (“Come a casa” in Italian). After years of investments, with *Strimvelis* Fondazione Telethon has finally achieved the first important result toward the accomplishment of its mission: to find a cure for rare genetic diseases.
- In the context of this program, a multidisciplinary staff works to facilitate access to genetherapy by helping reduce obstacles, where needed and possible (i.e., logistic, emotional, cultural, legal, economic, etc.).

Which costs can be supported by Fondazione Telethon?

- Fondazione Telethon may, in some cases and where needed, refund some costs (such as travel, food and lodging in Milan) to patients treated with approved gene therapy (such as *Strimvelis*), and to those treated with gene therapy under special conditions such as Hospital Exemption, Compassionate Use, or Name Patient Program.
- Financial support will be given, after filling an application, to those families unable to afford travel expenses, and/or room and board costs.
- It is important that each family has checked beforehand that there is no other financial support available to cover those costs (such as insurance, State reimbursement, non-profit organization grant). If needed, Fondazione Telethon will provide support to explore those other opportunities too.

How do families apply for financial support?

- Italian families need to provide the “ISEE” document, while European and Extra-European families need to fill out the document: “*Self-certification regarding the family financial status*”. All applicants assume the full responsibility for the veracity and accuracy of the information provided in the self-declaration, and commit to provide – if asked - documents proving the legitimacy of what was declared.
- Fondazione Telethon reserves the right to verify legitimacy on all information submitted. Such power can be exercised towards the applicant or any other authority.

What are the different levels of Financial Support?

Fondazione Telethon has identified four Reimbursement Levels (1. maximum coverage; 2. medium coverage, 3. basic coverage, 4. no coverage), according to each family financial status. More details are available for patients applying to the Program economic support

How are decision taken?

The decision regarding the level of financial support is taken internally by Fondazione Telethon.

In case the family applies to get financial support for accommodation, Fondazione Telethon will choose the apartment according to availability with no possibility of change. Fondazione Telethon

has a limited number of available apartments, so if this number is exceeded, families can no more benefit from this kind of support, until apartments are available again

Privacy

All information contained in the declaration submitted by the families will be treated by Fondazione Telethon as confidential, and used only and exclusively for the purpose for which they were transmitted, and possibly to check their veracity.

Fondazione Telethon reserve the right to undertake any action that may be deemed appropriate (including legal action), in case of false declaration.