



**Western Pennsylvania
Chapter**

ALS in Pennsylvania

What You Need to Know



**Greater Philadelphia
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- **The ALS Association supports over 900 people with Lou Gehrig's Disease in Pennsylvania.**
- *In 2012, the Pennsylvania legislature approved a \$300,000 line item for ALS patient services.*
- The ALS Association is requesting to **maintain level funding for our \$300,000** line item or, with your help, **boost funding to \$500,000**, which would be approximately \$500 per ALS patient.
- **The ALS Association supports clinics at:**
 - Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, PA
 - Allegheny General Hospital, Pittsburgh, PA
 - Hershey Medical Center, Hershey, PA
 - Lehigh Valley Hospital, Allentown, PA
 - Conemaugh Memorial Medical Center, Johnstown, PA
 - Geisinger Medical Center, Danville, PA
- **Funding for The ALS Association goes to many programs, including:**
 - In-Home Care
 - Respite Care
 - Assistive Technology
 - Wheelchairs and other Durable Medical Equipment
 - Accessibility Fund – Stair Glides, home ramping, etc.
 - Van Transportation
 - Social Workers and other Medical Professionals
- **Quick Facts on ALS:**
 - ALS does not discriminate by race, gender, age, or economic background
 - People with ALS live on average 2-5 years from diagnosis
 - Care for people with ALS is extremely expensive for families, even with insurance.
 - *The ALS Association is the only national non-profit organization dedicated to covering all the bases for people with Lou Gehrig's Disease through Research, Advocacy, and Patient Services.*
 - Programs provided by The ALS Association save money for patients, families, and the state by keeping patients out of more expensive state care such as nursing homes.
 - You can learn more about ALS and The ALS Association at
 - www.alsphiladelphia.org
 - www.cure4als.org