

Phyllis Newman Women's Health Initiative FAQ's

1. I value my privacy. Can I be sure that anything I talk to The Actors' Fund about will be kept confidential?

The Actors' Fund is committed to maintaining an atmosphere of privacy and confidentiality. We will not release any of your information to others without discussing it with you first and obtaining a written consent. Even within the organization, the only people who have access to your information are people who need to know in order to process your request for services.

2. How can I find out if I am eligible for financial assistance?

The best way to determine eligibility for financial assistance is to call one of our three regional offices and speak with an Intake Social Worker. While we generally expect someone to have been employed through the entertainment industry for a minimum of five years, eligibility varies by program.

3. How can The Actors' Fund help me if I don't live in New York, LA or Chicago?

As a national organization, we work with many people who are not living within easy commute of our offices. We are comfortable working with people by telephone and collecting documentation by fax or mail when people need financial assistance, and we can also help you locate resources in your community and coordinate those services.

4. Do I have to be a member of an entertainment union to be eligible for Actors' Fund assistance?

No, you do not need to be a union member to participate in our programs or receive financial assistance. We do require, however, for financial assistance that you have had paid employment in the entertainment industry for a minimum of 5 years. Also, please keep in mind that we work with all entertainment professionals, not just actors.

5. I have recently been diagnosed with an illness and need to find a new Doctor can you help me?

Even though we are not a primary medical care facility, we can help you get connected to medical care whether or not you have health insurance. In addition to our own Hirschfeld free clinic we are familiar with the local hospitals and clinics. Also through our Health Insurance Center we can help you find affordable health insurance if do not have any.