



# News

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## Save the Date:

Oct. 10 & 11th, 2012  
3rd Research Rally &  
2nd Libby Amphibole  
Research Symposium

## FLASH 2 ENDS MAY 31, 2012

FLASH 2 is a grant funded program that has been paying for asbestos related prescription drugs and home assistance. **This program ends May 31, 2012 because the grant funds have run out!** There are no other grants to take its place at this time. So what programs remain for individuals **DIAGNOSED** with an asbestos related disease (ARD)?

### PROGRAMS AVAILABLE REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU CURRENTLY LIVE ACROSS THE NATION:

#### **1. Medicare Benefits for individuals diagnosed with ARD.**

If you have an asbestos related disease (ARD) from the Libby exposure, you are eligible for Medicare benefits (just like if you suddenly turned 65). This program is not ARD specific, it covers ALL health conditions. This option includes **Part A** (hospital, long term care and hospice services), **Part B** - \$100/month premium (outpatient services like doctor visits), and **part D** - monthly premiums vary - (prescription drug coverage). You will be responsible for drug copays and 20% of the costs for Part A and B services unless you get a supplement or advantage plan to cover these gaps.

#### **2. The Grace Libby Medical Program (managed by Health Network of America/Triveris)**

The Grace plan is a free voluntary medical program that covers services and prescription drugs that are **IN THEIR OPINION** specifically related to ARD. Coverage/payment of ARD services is made on an individual basis, and the program may disagree with the opinion of your treating medical provider. They can pay for or deny whatever services they choose and their own doctors determine who meets the eligibility criteria for acceptance onto the plan. We do not know how long this plan will continue to exist. Grace is currently close to resolving their bankruptcy status and it has been stated in the media that they may dissolve this program and propose a different solution for the future.

### PROGRAM AVAILABLE IF YOU LIVE IN FLATHEAD OR LINCOLN COUNTY:

#### **1. The Medicare Pilot for ARD**

The Medicare Pilot is a free program designed to address health related needs not covered at all by Medicare or supplemental/advantage plan insurances. This means the Pilot may cover services like medical mileage, home assistance, health maintenance programs, durable medical equipment and medications that are not covered at all by any other drug plan. The eligibility criteria for the pilot is if you are diagnosed with ARD, live in Lincoln or Flathead County and have Medicare parts A and B. Noridian manages this program and can be reached at 1-888-469-9464.

Contact **CARD** at 293-9274 or 1-855-891-CARD for more details, or assistance in enrolling, in these programs.

# SAWYER BROWN TO PLAY AT 2ND ANNUAL BIG SKY BASH

The CARD Foundation is excited to announce it's second annual fundraising concert to benefit the Center for Asbestos Related Disease (CARD). The Spokane based group Troubadour, will be warming up the crowd before the internationally known country super group, Sawyer Brown, takes the stage to rock you into the summer night.

The BIG SKY BASH will be held on Saturday, July 14th, 2012, at 8:30pm at J. Neils Memorial Park in Libby, Montana. Gates will open at 5pm and there will be vendors so come early and check it out!

Tickets are available online at [www.donatecardfoundation.org](http://www.donatecardfoundation.org) and available at the following retailers: Rivermist/Frost Creek Boutique, The Western News, Rocky Mountain Music, Libby's Closet, MT Machine, Mac's Market and Western Outdoor in Kalispell. Cost of admittance is \$25 in advance and \$30 at the gate.

All proceeds from this event will go to the CARD Foundation, the fundraising arm of CARD, to support CARD in it's ongoing efforts to provide healthcare, research and outreach to benefit all people impacted by exposure to Libby Amphibole Asbestos.



FREE screening is still available at CARD and across the nation through the CDC grant!

Call CARD today to schedule your appointment or visit us online at

[www.libbyasbestos.org](http://www.libbyasbestos.org)

Don't let the miles that separate you, keep you from taking care of your health!

## Libby Epidemiology Research Project

**We still need people to participate in the High School Graduates study!**

If you are eligible and complete participation on site at CARD in the high school grad project between July 9th to 20th YOU WILL RECEIVE A FREE TICKET TO SAWYER BROWN!

All eligibility criteria must be met:

- 1) lived in Libby for at least 6 months prior to the age of 18 between 1950-2000
- 2) moved away from Libby by the age of 18 never returning to live or work here again
- 3) **not** had an occupational exposure to asbestos outside of Libby



In this study we are looking at exposure in childhood and the increased risks for health effects from being exposed to asbestos while the lungs are young and still developing.

L.E.R.P.

Libby Epidemiology Research Program  
High School Graduate

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Year of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Years lived in Lincoln County 19 \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Fill out and return the form if you are eligible for the L.E.R.P. Project and mail to CARD 214 E 3rd St. Libby, MT 59923