

General guidelines for a Hilton Head Hero vacation 2021



The Hero child must be:

- 2-18 years of age.
- Diagnosed with an illness that will shorten their life span.
- If a cancer patient in remission they must have been in active treatment sometime over the past 12 months.

First priority consideration:

- Current cancer patients in treatment.
- Patients diagnosed with a life- threatening illness.
- Heart, lung and liver transplant patients who have undergone a transplant in the past 12 months.
- Patients with **congenital birth defects** and **chronic illnesses** such as Cystic Fibrosis, Muscular Dystrophy, Down's Syndrome and Sickle Cell Anemia are **not currently considered** for our program. However, some life-threatening genetic disease patients will be reviewed on a case by case basis, based on the severity of their illness, approval of their primary care doctor and available dates in the Hero House.

All Hero applicants must have:

- Doctor approval for patient travel (using the provided signed and witnessed Medical Approval Form).
- Parent(s) or Legal Guardian(s) must have legal custody of the patient and other children on the Hero vacation, as well as the right to travel out of their state of residence.

Allowed traveling companions of the Hero child:

- Parents (a married couple) or legal guardians of the child.
- A single female parent can request one other adult female to accompany the family. An adult child (18 or older) family member will be considered as the additional adult.
- Only immediate family members are allowed on the vacation. Children not living in the household (and/or their children) are not allowed on the vacation.
- Live in companions and their children are not allowed on Hero vacations.
- No other adults (Grandparents, cousins, aunts or uncles, etc.) will be allowed on the vacation unless they are the approved adult traveling with a single parent.
- All adults over 18 are given a basic criminal background check. This background check looks for felony convictions, and criminal mischief towards children. Adults with felony convictions or incarceration time served are not considered for a vacation.
- Applicants need to be legal United States of America Citizens.

