

Surviving the Financial Impact of Cancer *(Outline)*

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Introduce LIPA Program (brochure) – Use your Social Workers/Navigators

Social Security Disability – 800-772-1213

Definition “your inability to work for a year or more” – defined as when you stopped working.

What is the difference between SSDI and SSI

SSDI – based on your work history/what you paid in (must have worked 5 of the past 10 years “Quarters”); 5 month waiting period.

SSI – for those 65+ or disabled at any age (\$750/mo). Not based on work history, but on your low income/low resources

Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA: in 2018 is at least \$1180/mo.

Distribute Handout – Prep Worksheet

Common Questions:

Can I work and still draw disability?

Do I need to hire an attorney?

Is there short-term disability?

How long does it take to get it? Is there back-pay?

What if I’m denied: Explain levels of Appeal

When do you hire an attorney?

Will receive Medicare after receiving 24 months of benefits

“Ticket to Work” – return to work/not lose benefits

How to apply : refer to worksheet/handout

LOCAL RESOURCES: - Distribute List Sheet

Review list on their outline

SNAP Income Guide

Safelink Flyer

Show NM Housing Directory – and handout for a few people (refer to link on their list)

*Housing handout

NATIONAL RESOURCES:

CancerCare.org: will (small \$ stipend): **800-813-4673**

“How Co-Payment Assistance Foundations Help” – handout

A Helping Hand” – an online resource guide (pdf – 128 pgs) that you can read +/- or download

“Managing the Cost of Cancer” an online resource guide (pdf – 19 pages)

Being Prepared: Legally (NM Statutory Power of Attorney) – handout