

Not so hidden

Well I'm back. (sounds like a line from Tolkien.) I have spent the better part of the last six months trying to keep the impairment of MS hidden. In the end, it ended the same, speech impediment, mobility impairment and other issues that had more import.

I tried mightily to create an environment where MS's impact would have the least impact on my employment, that included everything from missing doctor's appointments, limiting the physical impact. In the end, the same result. I tried to do many things to help others avoid my 'invisible' symptoms, all seemed doomed to failure. It is just another stage of acceptance. The only person I ended up hiding from was me. That is the most frustrating of my reality, as much as I try, the only person I am hiding MS from is me.

I just had a call with a job placement service where the process of SSDI payments was discussed. As it stands, if I earn more than 800.00 per week, I will lose the SSDI benefit, that combined with my age, prior salary history and MS have made it nearly impossible to get gainful employment.

Life goes on. The day to day reality is I live in a \$10,000.00 a month world with \$8,000.00 a month income. I just had the monthly meeting with my wife, she wonders why we continue to have bills.

Example:

One Time

Apr-18-2017 UNITED,800-932-2732,TX,USA \$ 317.40

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TICKET: 01623

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TOTAL: \$1269.60

Discretionary - Monthly Bills

Apr-26-2017 WWW*EARTHLINK.NET,800-719-4660,GA,USA \$ 14.95

May 02-2017 ***** School Distri,****,USA \$ 36.95

May-02-2017 ATT*BILL PAYMENT,800-288-2020,TX,USA \$ 241.80

May-07-2017 Audible,adbl.co/bill,NJ,USA \$ 14.95

May-09-2017 APL* ITUNES.COM/BILL,866-712-7753,CA,USA \$ 1.05

Apr-14-2017 ATT*CONS PHONE PMT,800-288-2020,TX,USA \$ 30.56

Apr-15-2017 GOOGLE *EA Mobile,g.co/payhelp#,CA,USA \$ 21.39

Apr-15-2017	APL* ITUNES.COM/BILL,866-712-7753,CA,USA	\$ 13.80
Apr-17-2017	AT&T*BILL PAYMENT,08003310500,TX,USA	\$ 272.59
Apr-17-2017	ADVANCED ORTHODONTIC S,ELMHURST,IL,USA	\$ 135.00
Apr-18-2017	***** School Distri, ***** ,USA	\$ 36.95
Apr-19-2017	UNITED,800-932-2732,TX,USA	\$ 126.20
Apr-28-2017	SPINE & SPORTS PHYSIAT,*****USA	\$ 40.00
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	TOTAL:	\$ 1111.18

Medical

May-01-2017	PRIME SPECIALTY PHARMA,972-6301023,FL,USA	\$ 100.00
Apr-08-2017	BALANCE OF NATURE,7024052462,NV,USA	\$ 69.95
May-06-2017	BALANCE OF NATURE,7024052462,NV,USA	\$ 69.95
May-08-2017	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS,AMZN.COM/BILL,WA,USA	\$ 43.03
May-08-2017	AMAZON MKTPLACE PMTS,AMZN.COM/BILL,WA,USA	\$ 7.39
May-08-2017	SKOWRON EYE CARE,***** ,USA	\$ 290.00
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	TOTAL:	\$ 480.33

Additional Unpaid Medical Bills:	\$15,000.00
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May-10-2017 LATE PAYMENT FEE	\$ 35.00
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This is in addition to regular monthly out lays of \$ 7200.00.

If I eliminate all the discretionary spending that is not recurring, it will still be around \$750.00. If we manage our expenses at a bare minimum, they will still be around \$8000.00. Every unexpected one time expense will cause financial problems. The yellow items, will be the gift that keeps on giving.

We have 1 charge card left