

February 17, 2021

My name is Claud Evans,

I am 59 years old. I am a disabled man living with chronic congestive heart failure every day of my life. I live alone in a small apartment and now I'm at a point in my life where I require help to complete my activities of daily living. I live on Social Security Disability income and that is it. I want to breakdown my finances below so that whoever reads this can see how quickly that money disappears. My SSDI check is \$1300.00/month. This is what I pay :

Rent \$334

Straight talk cell \$40

Greatcall \$24

Gas/Elec \$200

Cable/internet \$200 (this is all I have to do daily without any visitors and not being able to leave or even walk further than my bed to my livingroom chair – worse now with COVID)

OTC meds \$50 (required due to my CHF 4,000mg of mag. Daily plus iron, aspirin, fishoil, fiber)

Liability Insurance \$50 (have a vehicle but could only drive if desperate or emergency)

Credit Cards \$100 (these have saved me when I have no money left at end of month)

The bills above are just a few dollar's shy of \$1,000 already. This only leaves me \$300 left for food and household items for the entire month. I often have to go without simple things like cleaning supplies or new socks/undergarments etc. because I don't have enough money.

Lastly, I have this new \$144/client obligation every month for this program to pay out of pocket. I have not been successful yet at adjusting my budget to afford this bill. I am behind but plan to make small payments when I can to avoid losing the help I need daily. I just can't do everyday tasks on my own anymore. Millions of people live the same exact way, if this premium could be removed this could mean more money available for food and household items I need that most people take for granted.

I did not choose to live this way and I most certainly did not choose this disability. I had a massive heart attack at the young age of 37. I have had too many open heart surgeries and failed defibrillators to mention. I am just lucky to be alive. My life did not turn out the way I had hoped but I try to find happiness in every new day because that is all I can do in my condition. Please understand this, it would be so helpful if this additional financial burden (client obligation) could just disappear. It would mean one less struggle every month.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Claud Evans



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### 2020 CLIENT OBLIGATION PAYMENTS

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	<u>OWED</u>	<u>PAID</u>	<u>DATE PAID</u>	<u>PAST DUE</u>
January	\$0.00			\$0.00
February	\$0.00			\$0.00
March	\$0.00			\$0.00
April	\$0.00			\$0.00
May	\$0.00			\$0.00
June	\$41.00			\$41.00
July	\$144.00	\$288.00		-\$144.00
August	\$144.00			\$144.00
September	\$144.00			\$144.00
October	\$144.00			\$144.00
November	\$144.00			\$144.00
December	\$144.00			\$144.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$905.00</b>	<b>\$288.00</b>		<b>\$617.00 OWED YTD</b>