

HEALTH BULLETIN

Lowering The Cost Of Stroke

(NAPSA)—You may manage stroke's effects on your health in several ways, but what about its effect on your finances?

According to a recent AARP study, 47 percent of respondents who suffered a serious illness said the event wreaked the most havoc on family finances. Experts say issues and questions that arise after stroke include:



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- How are bills going to be paid?

- Are you eligible for benefits?

- Will you still be paid and/or when will your employer stop paying you?

- Do you need to tap into retirement benefits/insurance policies?

- Will the living arrangements change? Do you need to live with a relative/friend? Will relatives move in with you?

Fortunately, there's help. The "Power Finance" section of the American Heart Association's Power To End Stroke Web site has information to help those touched by stroke to safeguard and manage their money. It also lets visitors submit financial questions to a certified public accountant.

Learn more at www.power-to-end-stroke.org.