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How Costly Can Hearing and Vision Loss Possibly Be?

It can feel like a daunting task to figure out if what you're experiencing will qualify for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI). Even more so, many good-natured people simply won't even look into whether or not they qualify because they don't feel like their situation is severe enough to justify receiving financial support. At the end of the day, if you qualify for SSDI benefits, you deserve to receive them! What if the problem, or problems, you're experiencing have to do with vision or hearing loss? Good news, you may very well qualify for SSDI as well.



The costs of managing your vision or hearing loss can quickly add up:

Hearing aids can range between \$1,500 to \$3,500, averaging at around \$2,300 per unit.

Diagnostic tests through specialists, such as an audiologist or optometrist, can cost upwards of \$200 or more, not including the specialists' fee.

Corrective surgeries or implants, such as a cochlear implant or LASIK, can cost nearly \$1,000 per eye or \$30,000 per implant.

This is especially true for those who can't work due to their condition:

You might be thinking, "what about insurance?" Unfortunately, many insurance plans won't cover the costs associated with naturally occurring blindness or deafness. If they do happen to cover it, it's likely not full coverage. Even in extenuating circumstances, such as a specific event or injury leading to hearing or vision loss, only part of the costs associated may ever be covered.

And that's where SSDI comes in:

If you or a loved one meet the Social Security Administration's (SSA) standards for legal blindness, deafness, or both, you may qualify for SSDI. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) can help a person suffering from vision or hearing loss by providing supplemental coverage to make maintaining their condition less stressful.

From My Blog

Workers Compensation: Is it Worth Filing?

When an injury happens on the job, it can be difficult to know whether or not it's really "worth it" for you to file a claim for Worker's Compensation. You may be thinking: what if your injury wasn't...

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It's Wine 'O'clock Here in California!

Considering that California is home to over 3,500 wineries, proudly making up 47% of all wineries in the United States, it's no wonder that California is considered a wine lover's paradise! Aficionados from all around the world flock to California's abundant wineries to enjoy all that this wonderful state has to offer.

How did California become such a big name in the wine industry?

The very first Californian venture into the world of wine happened in San Diego in 1769. It began with the Spanish missions of San Diego seeking expansion and wealth through the production of wine. From there, other missions from France and Creole joined in the industry and helped expand it even further. Production was a smashing success over the next few decades up until the Prohibition of 1919, which immediately halted any production and sales of liquor. Wineries barely made ends meet through to when Prohibition was repealed in 1933, but those that survived slowly improved their quality and popularity.



As the dominant producer of wine, California accounts for 90% of all wine made in the U.S.

With over 100 American Viticultural Areas (AVA's) and jumping from 2,600 to more than 3,500 wineries in the state since 1990, California owes much of its success to the modern wine legend, Robert Mondavi. With the guidance of his family who owned the acclaimed Charles Krug in Napa Valley, Mondavi went on to start his own operation. By the late 1970s, Mondavi was dominating international competitions and washing over the world of wine with the quality of his products.

- California vineyards are home to various grapes indigenous to other countries.
- The luxurious tasting rooms of California's wineries set the standard time and time again across the globe.
- The diverse climate variations of California allow for it to boast an expansive variety of wines.
- Among all international brands, California's wines are the most exported all around the world - trekking to 142 countries.

Even with social distancing still in the forefront of our minds, wine tasting is a hobby that can easily adapt to the new normal. You can indulge your senses this summer season and learn even more about the history of wine in California through winery tours!

If you or a loved one has been denied Worker's Compensation or Social Security Disability (SSDI) benefits, it's important to get an attorney experienced in these types of cases involved immediately. Call **800.438.7734** for your initial free consultation, either in our office or in the comfort of your own home. The Kenton Koszdin Law Office, Social Security attorney in Van Nuys, can help you navigate the application process for the best possible outcome for you and your family.



Recipe of the Month

Spicy Grilled Cauliflower Steaks

Choose the largest head of cauliflower you can find. Slicing the cauliflower into steaks from the middle helps the head stay intact as you cut.

Ingredients

- ½ cup olive oil, plus more for grill
- 1 large head of cauliflower (about 2½ pounds)
- 2 canned chipotle chiles in adobo, finely chopped, plus 3 tablespoons adobo sauce
- 6 garlic cloves, finely grated
- 6 tablespoons sherry vinegar or red wine vinegar
- 3 tablespoons mild-flavored (light) molasses
- 2 tablespoons Diamond Crystal or 1 tablespoon plus ½ teaspoon Morton kosher salt
- 2 tablespoons paprika
- 1 tablespoon dried oregano
- Lemon wedges (for serving)



Recipe Preparation

1. Prepare a grill for medium-low, indirect heat (for a charcoal grill, bank coals on one side of grill; for a gas grill, leave one or two burners off); clean and oil grates.
2. Remove toughest outer leaves from cauliflower (leave on any tender inner leaves). Trim stem to create a flat base. Holding cauliflower upright on stem, slice into 4 equal slabs to create steaks.
3. Stir chiles, adobo sauce, garlic, vinegar, molasses, salt, paprika, oregano, and remaining ½ cup oil in a medium bowl to combine.
4. Liberally brush sauce on one side of each cauliflower steak and place steaks, sauce side down, on grill. Brush second side with sauce. Grill cauliflower until charred and beginning to soften, 7–8 minutes. Turn, brush cooked side with sauce, and continue to grill until second side is charred and beginning to soften, 7–8 minutes. Turn again, move over indirect heat, and brush with remaining sauce. Cover grill and continue to grill steaks until tender (a paring knife should slide into centers of steaks with little resistance), 15–20 minutes.
5. Transfer cauliflower steaks to a platter. Serve with lemon wedges for squeezing over.

Recipe courtesy of bonappetit.com



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What's Happening in Van Nuys & Southern California

July 17 - August 15

Sawdust Art Festival

Sawdust Art Festival Grounds
Laguna Beach, CA

Malibu Wine Safari

Saddlerock Ranch
Malibu, CA

July 22

Winela Presents: Stars of Pinot

Tesse Restaurant
Los Angeles, CA

Coldwater Canyon Park

Studio City, CA

Malibu Riders

Agoura Hills, CA

July 24

Handcrafted Mysteries: Bonfire

Claremont, CA

