Appendix 1: Qualitative Interview Guide

Thank you for talking with me today about your experiences during cancer treatment. You may remember from the surveys you completed earlier this year that some of the questions asked about how cancer has affected your money situation. We heard from many people who completed the survey that the questions didn’t always relate to their experiences.

I would like to talk with you for just a few more minutes about ways in which cancer has impacted your finances.

* Do you worry about money? Why?
* Does cancer make it worse? How?
* Has cancer affected how you spend your money? If yes, can you give me some examples of how it changed?
  + What new expenses have you had since you were diagnosed with cancer? (medical bills, transportation, prescriptions, missed work)
* Do you ever need help understanding or managing your medical bills? If yes, was someone available to help?
* Has cancer ever changed the money that comes into your home each month? (change in hours, ability to work, ability of your caregiver to work)
* What has been the most financially challenging aspect since you have been diagnosed?
* Since you have been diagnosed, has money ever stood in the way of you being able to get prescriptions, labs, scans, or cancer treatments that your doctor ordered?
* Have you or your family had to make any other kinds of financial sacrifices because of your cancer, its treatment, or the lasting effects of that treatment?