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I have **APHASIA**.

APHASIA affects my ability to speak, understand, read and write.

Aphasia **DOES NOT** affect my **INTELLIGENCE**.

BECAUSE OF MY APHASIA:

- It may be hard for me to **SAY MY NAME** it does not mean I don't know it.
- It may be hard for me to say my **PERSONAL INFORMATION** (i.e. birth date, address).
- I may have trouble <u>UNDERSTANDING</u> medication instructions (i.e. Take 2 capsules once daily for 10 days).
- I may have trouble **SAYING** or **UNDERSTANDING** numbers or monetary values.
 - When you say \$40.00, I may think you're saying \$14.00.

HOW YOU CAN HELP ME COMMUNICATE:

- Allow me to **SHOW** you **my ID** when you ask for my personal information.
- **SHOW ME** or **WRITE DOWN** the amount of \$\$ I owe you.
- Please <u>WRITE DOWN</u> instructions/side effects and <u>SLOW YOUR SPEAKING RATE</u> when giving instructions.
- Give me time to respond.
- Be patient.
- Use short, direct sentences while maintaining an adult tone.



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