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The Impact of ABLE Accounts on Eligibility for Section 8 Housing

On April 26, 2019, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued [a Notice](#) to state housing agencies concerning the impact of ABLE accounts on eligibility for Section 8 vouchers, public housing and a host of other federal housing programs.

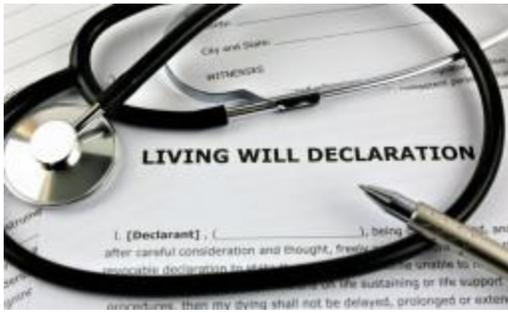
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Power Of Attorney Who Withdrew Money For Medicaid Planning Not Required To Return Funds

A power of attorney does not have to return money she took from her now deceased principal because the power of attorney removed the money for Medicaid planning purposes. [In re Estate of Hirnyk](#) (Pa. Super. Ct., No. 84 WDA 2018, April 16, 2019).

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What Is the Difference Between a Living Will and a Do-Not-Resuscitate Order?

When creating advance directives in order to plan for the possibility that you may one day be unable to make your own medical decisions, there can be confusion about the difference between a living will and a "do-not-resuscitate" order.

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Protecting Your House from Medicaid Estate Recovery

After a Medicaid recipient dies, the state must attempt to recoup from his or her estate whatever benefits it paid for the recipient's care. There are steps you can take to protect your home.

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Tips on Creating an Estate Plan that Benefits a Child with Special Needs

Parents want their children to be taken care of after they die. But children with disabilities have increased financial and care needs, so ensuring their long-term welfare can be tricky.

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How Parents Can Provide for a Caregiver Child

Taking care of a parent can be a full-time job. Parents who want to compensate a child who takes on the burden of caregiving may do so in one of several ways.

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Protecting Your House After You Move Into a Nursing Home

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As long-term care costs continue to rise, long-term care insurance can help cover expenses, but long-term care insurance contracts are notoriously confusing. How do you figure out what is right for you?

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Having a loved one with dementia can be scary, but if you add in a firearm, it can also get dangerous. To prevent harm to both the individual with dementia and others, it is important to plan ahead for how to deal with any weapons.

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The older the population gets, the greater the potential for elder abuse. States have laws in place designed to combat elder abuse, but some states are doing a better job than others.

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Understanding Medicare's Hospice Benefit

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Learn About Social Security's Online Tools

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IRS Issues Long-Term Care Premium Deductibility Limits for 2019

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is increasing the amount taxpayers can deduct from their 2019 income as a result of buying long-term care insurance.

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A recent case involving basketball star Caldwell Jones demonstrates the danger in having only one spouse's name on a reverse mortgage.

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For First Time, Median Cost of Private Nursing Home Room Hits Six Figures in Annual Survey

The median cost of a private nursing home room in the United States increased to \$100,375 a year in 2018, up 3 percent from 2017, according to Genworth's annual Cost of Care survey.

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