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### **2021 Elder Law Fact Sheet**

Every year we release the key dollar amounts that are frequently used in elder law, estate administration and special needs trust planning, including Medicaid figures, Medicare premiums, Social Security Disability and Supplemental Security Income.

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### **10 States Offer The Best Protections Against Elder Abuse. New Jersey Is Not One Of Them**

Approximately 1 in 10 Americans aged 60 and older have experienced some form of elder abuse. One study estimated that many cases go unreported - only 1 in 14 cases of abuse are reported to authorities.

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## **ABLE Accounts Offer Financial Independence for Beneficiaries Who Can Manage Their Own Money**

ABLE accounts are proving to be a game-changer allowing beneficiaries of programs like SSI to pay for their own living expenses.

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## **Feds End Protections for Emotional Support Animals on Airlines, Allowing Service Dogs Only**

The Department of Transportation finalized regulations that only allow service dogs on flights.

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## **New Regulations Compromise the Independence of Disability Appeals Judges**

The Trump Administration has finalized new regulations that threaten the independence of judges who decide Social Security disability cases.

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## **Couple Accused of Redirecting \$500,000 Intended for Person with Disabilities into Their Own Pockets**

A New York City couple has been charged with stealing more than \$500,000 in monthly payments that a woman with disabilities was supposed to be receiving as part of a settlement.

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