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New Law Makes Big Changes to Retirement Plans and Distributions to Special Needs Trusts

In December 2019, the U.S. Congress enacted into law the “Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019,” also known as the SECURE Act, as part of a year-end spending bill. The SECURE Act makes major changes to retirement plan rules, including inherited plans.

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Under New Law, Medicaid Cannot Be Terminated During The COVID-19 Public Health Emergency

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act (“CV Response Act”) was signed into law on March 18, 2020. The CV Response Act bars all Medicaid terminations during the course of the public health emergency caused by COVID-19.

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What Is a Special Needs Trust?

A special needs trust can allow individuals with special needs to preserve assets that will enhance their quality of life while allowing them to remain eligible for needs-based public benefits like Medicaid and SSI.

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Completely Out of Limbo: SSI Beneficiaries to Receive Relief Checks Automatically

The U.S. Department of the Treasury has announced that Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients will have the \$1,200 COVID-19 relief checks automatically deposited in their bank accounts.

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Caregivers May be Eligible for Paid Sick Leave Under Coronavirus Response Act

The U.S. Department of Labor has issued regulations clarifying that people who have to take time off work to care for family members with disabilities may be eligible for the new paid sick leave protections enacted by Congress.

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An Overlooked Frontline in the Coronavirus Fight: Group Homes for People with Disabilities

While the COVID-19 pandemic is hitting nursing homes hard, it is also posing enormous challenges to group homes for developmentally disabled people.

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COVID-19 Update from the Law Office of Donald D. Vanarelli

We are working hard to continue serving you during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis.

It may seem that our world is changing every day, as new information becomes available about the Coronavirus threat. It is important to remember that this situation, although difficult, is temporary. And during this period of uncertainty, please know that our firm is here to help.

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SSA Update Permits Funds In An ABLE Account To Be Used To Pay For Food

The Stephen Beck, Jr., Achieving a Better Life Experience Act (ABLE Act) is a tax-advantaged savings account used by an individual eligible for Medicaid or other public benefits to pay for “qualified disability-related expenses” and established by an individual whose blindness or disability resulted from a condition that began before the individual’s 26th birthday.

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