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Elder and Disability Law News is a monthly e-newsletter that brings you legal developments and trends of vital interest to seniors and their advocates. This newsletter is brought to you by Donald Vanarelli, Attorney at Law.



[Because Of Husband's Undue Influence, Wife Must Disgorge Funds From Decedent's Annuity](#)

In 2006, the William Mallas executed a Last Will and Testament dividing his estate equally between his brother and niece. In March 2008, he signed a power of attorney designating his neighbor, Frank Picciolo, as his agent. In November 2008, Mr. Mallas executed a new POA again naming Frank as his agent, and a new will adding Frank's wife Angelina as an equal residuary beneficiary of his estate.

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[Appeals Court Affirms Medicaid's Rejection Of Fair Hearing Request Filed Without Applicant's Written Authorization](#)

After J.C. was admitted to a nursing facility, her son, S.C., submitted an application to the Camden County Board of Social Services for Medicaid benefits on her behalf. The county welfare board notified J.C. that she was eligible for long-term care benefits but her transfer of assets for less than full market value during the look-back period subjected her to a transfer penalty.

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[Be on the Lookout for New Medicare Cards \(and New Card-Related Scams\)](#)

The federal government is issuing new Medicare cards to all Medicare beneficiaries. To prevent fraud and fight identity theft, the new cards will no

longer have Social Security numbers on them.

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[Proving That a Transfer Was Not Made in Order to Qualify for Medicaid](#)

Medicaid law imposes a penalty period if you transferred assets within five years of applying, but what if the transfers had nothing to do with Medicaid? How do you prove you made the transfers for a purpose other than to qualify for Medicaid?

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[Choosing Retirement Account Beneficiaries Requires Some Thought](#)

The choice of beneficiary for IRA, SEP, 401(k) or other retirement plans can have significant tax implications. Here are some of the rules and concerns when designating beneficiaries.

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[New Federal Law Puts Focus on Preventing Elder Abuse](#)

A new federal law is designed to address the growing problem of elder abuse. The law supports efforts to better understand, prevent, and combat both financial and physical elder abuse.

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