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Special Needs Planning News is a monthly e-newsletter that brings you legal developments and trends of vital interest to individuals with special needs and their advocates. This Newsletter is brought to you by Donald Vanarelli, Attorney at Law.



Directory of State ABLE Account Programs

The Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act allows people with disabilities who became disabled before they turned 26 to set aside up to \$15,000 per year in tax-free savings accounts without affecting his or her eligibility for government benefits like Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income (SSI).

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Managing Medical Bills and Insurance Paperwork: 7 Tips for Maximizing Reimbursement

The president of a medical bill management firm offers helpful hints on managing medical bills and health insurance claims paperwork.

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What Assets Are Not Counted When Applying for SSI?

To be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), an applicant can have no more than \$2,000 in assets. However, not all assets count towards the \$2,000 limit.

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States Increasingly Looking to Managed Care for Long-Term Care Services

More state Medicaid agencies are shifting to managed care models to provide

long-term care services, sparking a backlash from disability and elder rights advocates, particularly in Iowa and Kansas.

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Texas Father Wins Guardianship of Autistic Daughter Despite Giving Her Illegal Marijuana

Guardianship hearings are typically little more than a formality for parents of children with special needs who cannot live independently once they reach age 18. But this was not the case for Texas parents Christy and Mark Zartler.

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