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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.



[New Law Adds Protections For Adults In New Jersey With Developmental Disabilities](#)

The Stephen Komninos' Law, enacted in 2017, went into effect on May 1, 2018. The new law is designed to protect individuals with developmental disabilities who receive services through the New Jersey Department of Human Services (DHS) from abuse, neglect, and exploitation by caregivers and others, to upgrade crimes committed against such individuals and to improve the quality of investigations of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of developmentally disabled individuals.

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[SSA Gives Guidance on the Use of Prepaid Debit Cards by Special Needs Trust Beneficiaries](#)

Trustees of special needs trusts are increasingly relying on "administrator-managed prepaid debit cards," such as True Link cards, when disbursing funds to beneficiaries. These cards offer trust beneficiaries greater independence and the ability to get what they need more quickly. But such cards existed in a regulatory

gray area as far as the Social Security Administration (SSA) was concerned.

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[New Rules for Appeals of Private Disability Insurance Claims Go Into Effect](#)

Under new Department of Labor regulations that go into effect April 2, workers filing for private disability benefits should have a more transparent and fairer appeals process.

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[SNT Is Created in Excessive Force Settlement Between Man With Schizophrenia and Police](#)

In an underreported case involving police violence, the state of California has agreed to pay nearly \$1 million to a man with schizophrenia. The money will be placed in a special needs trust (SNT).

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["Mr. Social Security" Now Faces 255 Years in Prison; His Clients Must Once Again Prove Their Disability](#)

New charges against a disability attorney who dubbed himself "Mr. Social Security" can move forward, while thousands of former clients remain in limbo

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