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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.



### **Governor Signs New Law Helping Residents of CCRCs in New Jersey Get Timely Refunds of Entrance Fees**

New Jersey recently changed state law governing "refundable" entrance fee agreements used by Continuing Care Retirement Communities (CCRCs). State law limits the amount of time that CCRCs are permitted to retain "refundable" entrance fees after a resident vacates a facility due to relocation or death.



### **Where's My New Medicare Card? How to Find Out the Status**

The federal government has begun mailing new Medicare cards to 59 million Americans. You should keep track of when your new card will arrive and contact Medicare if you don't receive it.

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### **Promissory Notes and Medicaid**

A promissory note is normally given in return for a loan. Classifying transfers as loans rather than gifts can be useful because it sometimes allows parents to "lend" assets to their children and still maintain Medicaid eligibility.

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## From "60 Minutes:" Following A Couple From Diagnosis To The Final Stages Of Alzheimer's Disease

Almost every year for the past 10 years, since 2008, reporters from the "60 Minutes" television show interviewed Mike and Carol Daly. Mike and Carol have been married for 54 years. Carol was diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease, and Mike is her full-time caregiver husband. Laughter, love and duty still hold the couple together as Carol's world shrinks and Mike's burden grows. After a decade, the disease has had a devastating impact on each of them. Even though their story is intensely personal, Mike and Carol wanted viewers to see the devastating impact of Alzheimer's Disease on each of them, over a decade. The YouTube video version of the Daly's story follows:

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## Proposed New Medicare Payment System May Affect Beneficiaries

Medicare is proposing a new flat rate reimbursement system for doctors who treat Medicare patients. Some worry that the plan may cause fewer doctors to accept Medicare.

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## Lawsuit Alleges Assisted Living Facilities Discriminate Against Wheelchair Users

A lawsuit in New York state highlights an issue with some assisted living facilities: No wheelchairs allowed.

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