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Can Medicaid Take My Florida Homestead?

As elder law attorneys, one of the most common questions we are asked by clients is whether Medicaid can take their Florida homestead property. The simple answer is “No, generally Medicaid cannot take your homestead property during life, or, with proper planning, upon death.” But, as is the case with most legal questions, the answer isn’t always so straight forward. This article is a more complete answer to the question at hand.

One of the reasons there seems to be a lot of confusion and misinformation regarding whether Medicaid can take homestead property is likely due to the fact that Medicaid rules vary from state to state. When applying for Medicaid benefits in Florida, the homestead is considered exempt and protected if: 1) a spouse or dependent/disabled child continues to reside in the home; or 2) the individual (or a designated representative) states an “intent to return” home. The homestead will remain exempt during the lifetime of the applicant if the above criteria is met.

In addition, Florida has constitutional protections for homestead many states do not offer. In other states, creditors, including Medicaid, can force the sale of homestead property. This is not the case in Florida if the home is left to the surviving spouse or other family member. So, if you are discussing this issue with your brother in New Jersey there might be a different answer. But, here in Florida, an individual can qualify for Medicaid while still owning his or her home.

So, what exactly is homestead? The Florida Constitution defines homestead as real property of no more than 1/2 of an acre of contiguous land in a municipality, or 160 acres outside a municipality, owned by a natural person, and the improvements on it. There is extensive case law about...

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One Senior Place Workshops



Located at:
715 Douglas Ave
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714

Elder Law Workshops:

The Truth about Medicaid Planning

Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Coping With The Rising Cost of Long Term Care

Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Estate Planning Workshops:

The Truth about Estate Planning

Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at 2:00 p.m.

Why Your Crazy Family Impact Your Estate Plan

Thursday, August 21, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

UPCOMING SPECIALTY WORKSHOP

**What to do When
Someone Dies Workshop
Tuesday, July 22, 2014
at 6:00 p.m.**

At this workshop, we will review the step-by-step process you need to know before and after losing a loved one. Topics to be covered include: pre-need funeral planning, the probate and estate administration process, and answers to frequently asked questions.

Location: 254 Plaza Drive, Oviedo, FL 32765.

Call 407-977-8080 to register today!

UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

JULY

The Truth About Medicaid Planning

Wednesday, July 2, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

The Truth About Estate Planning

Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

What To Do When Someone Dies

Tuesday, July 22, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

Office Closed— 4th of July

Friday, July 4, 2014

AUGUST

The Truth About Medicaid Planning

Wednesday, August 6, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

The Truth About Estate Planning

Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Women in Transition

Tuesday, August 19, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

The Truth About Medicaid Planning

Wednesday, September 3, 2014 at 9:30 a.m.

Advisor Lunch & Learn— The “Lady Bird” Deed

Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 12:00 p.m.

The Truth About Estate Planning

Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

All My Children Wear Fur Coats

Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

2014 Hoyt & Bryan Special Needs Conference

Friday, September 26, 2014
9:00a.m.—4:00 p.m.

Office Closed— Labor Day

Monday, September 1, 2014

All public workshops are complimentary and are held in our Learning Center.
To RSVP please call 407-977-8080 or visit HoytBryan.com for more information.

Pepperoni Roll Ups

- 1 tube (8 ounces) refrigerated Pillsbury crescent rolls
- 32 slices pepperoni (I used Hormel's turkey pepperoni slices)
- 4 pieces string cheese, cut in half
- 1/4 teaspoon italian seasoning
- 1 Tablespoon butter, melted
- Marinara or Pizza sauce, for dipping



1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees.
2. Unroll crescent dough; separate into 8 triangles.
3. Place 4 pepperoni slices on the large end of each triangle.
4. Place one half string cheese on the top of the pepperonis.
5. Roll up towards point.
6. Place roll ups atleast 2 inches apart on a lightly greased cookie sheet.
7. Mix together italian seasoning and melted butter.
8. Brush over the tops of the roll ups.
9. Bake for 10-12 minutes or until golden brown. Serve warm!



Save The Date:

**Hoyt & Bryan
 2014 Special Needs Conference
 Friday, September 26, 2014
 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
 in Altamonte Springs**

Join us to learn more about:

Join us to learn more about Social Security Income (SSI), Individualized Education Plans (IEPs), Transition Planning, Conductive Education and Guardian Advocacy.

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