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May: National Elder Law Month

On the final night of its 60-day session, the Florida Legislature delivered a Medicaid Reform Bill that will privatize the Medicaid Program statewide. The Medicaid Reform initiative has been in the works for several years, but the bill that finally passed was in circulation for less than 30 hours before the final vote.

The original version of the Medicaid Reform and other legislation included many provisions that we believe would have been very harmful to the vulnerable elderly population in Florida. In addition, other bills were also under consideration that would have greatly reduced the ability for elderly individuals to protect and preserve their assets, maintain independence and ensure security while confronting the concerns of aging, illness and possible nursing home placement. Fortunately, through the efforts of several statewide organizations including the Elder Law Joint Public Policy Task Force, currently Chaired by our very own Randy Bryan, most of those provisions did not pass. Some of the provisions that did not end up in the final legislation included:

- ◆ Restrictions on an elder's ability to use their funds to pay a family member to provide for their care through a "personal service contract."
- ◆ Eliminating the ability for a spouse to protect and preserve their individual assets when the other requires long-term nursing home care, even in later in life marriages with valid prenuptial agreements.
- ◆ A cap on total Medicaid spending, which could have resulted in a reduction/elimination of benefits if a lapse in Florida's economic recovery or other unforeseen event had caused Medicaid enrollment to rise mid-year.
- ◆ Florida's threat of refusing to participate in the federal Medicaid Program (and the \$12 billion dollars a year in federal funding that comes with it) if the federal government didn't approve Florida's proposed Medicaid Reform initiatives by December. The loss of federal funding would have been devastating to the most vulnerable among us who rely on Medicaid as their medical safety net.

Despite the removal of these harmful provisions, several provisions remain that may still put vulnerable Floridians at increased risk. In short, the new system takes Medicaid out of the hands of...

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Save The Date

Hoyt & Bryan, LLC
3rd Annual Special Needs
Conference

Friday, August 12, 2011
9:00am—3:00pm

University Presbyterian Church
2562 Rouse Road, Orlando, FL
32817

Registration Fee: \$20/Person
Please call 407-977-8080 for
more information, to become a
vendor, or to RSVP!

Nathaniel's Hope
Make 'em Smile 2011

Saturday, June 4, 2011
7:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Lake Eola
Downtown Orlando

Make 'em Smile is a community festival that celebrates kids with special needs and their families. Enjoy free food, entertainment, prizes, a concert, and a chance to visit exhibitors that service the special needs community. Come visit us at our booth!



UPCOMING EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

MAY

Advisor Lunch & Learn

Tuesday, May 3, 2011 at 12:00 p.m.

Truth About Medicaid Planning

Wednesday, May 4, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

Aging in Place Specialty Workshop

Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Planning For Your Pets

Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Truth About Estate Planning

Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Office Closed - Memorial Day

Monday, May 30, 2011

Ten Things You Need To Know About Elder Law

Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

JUNE

Truth About Medicaid Planning

Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

Truth About Estate Planning

Tuesday, June 7, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, June 23, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

Special People, Special Planning

Thursday, June 16, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.

13th Annual Family Cafe

June 3-5, 2011

Coronado Springs Resort

www.FamilyCafe.net

JULY

Office Closed - Independence Day

Monday, July 4, 2011

Truth About Medicaid Planning

Wednesday, July 6, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

Truth About Estate Planning

Tuesday, July 12, 2012 at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday, July 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

What To Do When Someone Dies

Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

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.

PB & J Blossom Sandwiches

- ◆ Bread
- ◆ Peanut butter or cream cheese
- ◆ Jelly or jam
- ◆ Water bottle cap



1. For each sandwich, cut two slices of bread into flower shapes with a cookie cutter.
2. Cut a hole in one of the slices by pressing a water bottle cap into the center.
3. Spread the peanut butter and jelly on the whole piece and place slice with the hole on top.

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Saturday, October 22, 2011 at Lake Eola Park Downtown Orlando
Registration: 8:00a.m. ~ Walk begins: 9:00 a.m.

Our team at Hoyt & Bryan has participated in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® for the past 10 years. If you would like to join our team and walk with us or simply make a donation, please call 407-977-8080 or visit <http://2011walktoendalz.kintera.org/orlando/hoytandbryan>. We would like to thank those of you who continue to support our efforts in walking for a cure.



13TH ANNUAL FAMILY CAFÉ CONFERENCE JUNE 3-5, 2011

DISNEY CORONADO SPRINGS RESORT

The Family Café Annual Conference is a statewide event designed to meet the informational and networking needs of families and individuals with disabilities or special health care. The Annual Conference provides a truly unique environment where Floridians can attend educational breakout sessions relevant to their specific needs, interact with government policy makers, network with other families and learn about the wide range of services available to them. The Family Café is committed to the belief that informed individuals make better decisions for themselves, and their loved ones. The Annual Conference is free for families with special needs.

Join us on Friday, June 3, 2011 from 1:30p.m. to 2:30p.m. in the Baja Room for Peggy's presentation on "Special People, Special Planning: Creating A Safe Legal Haven for a Family with Special Needs"

Please visit www.FamilyCafe.net to register or for more information.