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If you have clients who need assistance with finding the right place for their ill family member to live and determining how to pay for it, ***we can assist them with becoming eligible for Medicaid.***

If you have clients who are unable to care for themselves and make their own decisions, ***we can assist their loved ones with becoming their guardian.***

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WORDS TO THE WISE

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CMS Revamps Web site

The open enrollment for Medicare begins November 15th and lasts through December 31, 2007. This means now is the time for Medicare recipients to make decisions about enrolling in a Medicare drug plan if they have not done so already, review their health care and drug coverage, and consider making changes to their existing Medicare Part D plan. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has recently updated its web site to make it easier to compare the price, coverage and quality of Medicare Part D plans. Medicare will now use a five-star rating system to compare plans based on access to care, quality of care and customer satisfaction. To give the new web site a try, go to www.medicare.gov.

Source: CMS press release, Wednesday, October 10, 2007

Spanish Web site for Seniors

The National Institute on Aging (NIA) now has a web site in Spanish that addresses health issues affecting Hispanic seniors. The website provides information on topics such as Alzheimer's Disease, diabetes and cancer and also provides tips on choosing a doctor. To give it a try, visit www.nia.nih.gov/Espanol.

Source: NIA press release, Friday, September 7, 2007

Save the Date!

Osterhout, McKinney & Prather, P.A. is sponsoring free seminars on October 31st and November 7th, on the pros and cons of traditional Medicare and Medicare Part C Advantage Plans. The Share Club_ of Lee Memorial Health System is hosting the seminars. To reserve a seat please call, 239-772-6765. Times and locations are as follows:

October 31st
10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m.
Southwest Regional Medical Center

November 7th
9:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.
Cape Coral Hospital
Auxiliary Conference Room

A separate one-hour seminar is being held for professionals on November 15, 2007, at 9:00 a.m. This seminar is also free and is being held at Hope Hospice in Ft. Myers. Call 239-791-0880 to reserve a seat.