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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 Urges Seniors to Review and Compare Part D Plans

2009 will be the fourth year of the Medicare Part D prescription drug plan and the national average monthly premium for the basic Medicare drug benefit is projected to be \$28 in 2009. Open enrollment for Medicare Part D begins November 15th and ends December 31st of this year. Even if you are already enrolled in Medicare Part D, the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) urges you to review and compare Part D plans. Plans do change from year to year and CMS warns that some beneficiaries may see significant premium increases or changes, such as reduced coverage in the gap if they stay with the same Part D plan.

Source: CMS press release, Thursday, September 25, 2008

Con Man Gets Life in Prison for Bilking Seniors

Daniel Heath, a California man who scammed seniors out of \$190 million was sentenced to a prison term of 127 years and 4 months. Heath targeted seniors at free lunch seminars and ultimately sold about 1,800 seniors worthless investments.

Source: Los Angeles Times (26 September 2008)

Stressed Out? Join us for a treat on Halloween!

On October 31, 2008, our firm is sponsoring a presentation by Dr. David G. Kelley, a licensed marriage and family therapist and certified Florida Supreme Court Family Mediator. Dr. Kelley will be speaking on Caregiver Stress and How to Avoid Burnout. Please join us at one of the following locations:

9:30-10:30 am: Boy Scouts of America Southwest Florida Council, located at 1801 Boy Scout Drive in Fort Myers

2:00-3:00 pm: Hope Hospice, located at 2430 Diplomat Parkway East in Cape Coral.

The presentation is free, but Dr. Kelley is a popular speaker and space is limited. To reserve a seat, call 239-791-0905.