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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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### Proper Disposal of Prescription Drugs

To help protect our waterways, prescription drugs should not be flushed down the toilet or drain unless the drug label or its instruction sheet specifically advises that you do so. Yet simply throwing old medication in the trash can put drugs in the hands of abusers. The federal government has issued guidelines regarding the proper disposal of prescription drugs. For starters, they should be removed from their original containers and mixed with an undesirable substance like kitty litter or used coffee grounds. The mixture should then be placed in a disposable container with a lid and placed in the trash. Any personal information on the prescription drug container, including the Rx number, should be removed before disposal. Residents of Collier County can also take advantage of a drug take-back collection program on November 14, 2009. For location information please visit [www.drugfreecollier.org](http://www.drugfreecollier.org).

Source: [http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/pdf/prescrip\\_disposal.pdf](http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/pdf/prescrip_disposal.pdf)

### Win A Nintendo Wii For Your Organization

As part of our 2009 holiday campaign, Osterhout, McKinney & Prather, P.A. is giving away two Nintendo Wii game systems to local organizations serving senior citizens or the disabled. To enter to win, please call (239) 791-0905. When you call, be sure to leave your name, telephone number, and the name of the organization you represent. Please also tell us how you serve senior citizens or the disabled in our community. All entries are due by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, December 11, 2009.

#### 2009 Holiday Slipper Drive

Osterhout, McKinney & Prather, P.A. is accepting donations of slippers or socks for residents at Villa Palms Senior Living Center and Shady Rest Care Pavilion in Lee County. Please bring your unwrapped donations to our office by Friday, December 11, 2009.