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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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### Mayo Clinic Launches Free Personal Health Record Website

The Mayo Clinic now has a free online tool, Mayo Clinic Health Manager, that provides customized health information for users, and provides for the creation of personal health records. This means that once inputted, you can access your health records anywhere you have an internet connection. This includes health records obtained from providers, health plans and pharmacies. To learn more about this online tool please visit the website shown below.

Website: <https://healthmanager.mayoclinic.com/>

### Emergency Contact Registration

Spring break for schools across the country has begun, which means an influx of visitors here in sunny Florida. Given the likely increase in cars on the road, we thought it was a good time to remind you about emergency contact registration with the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles. Through this service, you can provide emergency contact information to law enforcement in the event of an emergency. To register, visit [www8.flhsmv.gov/eci/](http://www8.flhsmv.gov/eci/) and have your Florida Driver's License or Florida Identification Card handy.

Source: [www.flhsmv.gov/](http://www.flhsmv.gov/)

### New Program Aims to Connect Vets

A new program, "Florida Vets Connect," aims to ensure that Florida's veterans are identified and receive information about benefits for which they may be entitled. The program is slated to begin in July 2010 and establishes Florida driver license offices as intake centers to identify and gather information about veterans. The information is then shared with the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs (FDVA) which will use it to send out benefits information. The Veterans of Foreign Wars Magazine reports that over \$22 billion in veterans pension funds go unclaimed each year.

Source: Florida CFO Alex Sink's Newsletter, Vol. 7, No. 10, March 5, 2010

### Ninth Annual SW Florida Conference on Aging

Osterhout, McKinney & Prather, P.A. is once again sponsoring The Annual Southwest Florida Conference on Aging to be held Friday, April 16, 2010, at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre in Fort Myers. Registration begins at 7:45 a.m. The conference is geared toward professionals in the field of aging as well as the general public. For more information, please call Courtney Quirie at 239-433-8069.