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THOUGHTS FROM THE CHAIR:

DHS has issued its 7th Manual Letter and made changes to the asset and income provisions of the Health Care Programs Manual, in particular the transfer provisions which are effective October 1, 2007 unless otherwise noted. Manual Letter # 7 can be found on the website (cite below) and will be discussed at the next meeting of the Elder Law Section's Medical Assistance Committee meeting on Tuesday October 16th. Since DHS published the revised manual effective December 1, 2006, it has issued seven Manual Letters which have revised and updated the manual. All of these Manual Letters can be found on the web site by clicking on to the health care programs manual and then clicking "what's new."

ELDER LAW NEWS

Long-term care reform needs to be part of the health care solution (Op-Ed)

<http://www.tcdailyplanet.net/node/6943>

Do flu vaccines work for the elderly?

http://www.cybermed.it/index.php?option=com_content&task=view&id=15351&Itemid=134

Securian is the only Minnesota employer on AARP's List of "Best Employers for Workers Over 50"

http://home.businesswire.com/portal/site/google/index.jsp?ndmViewId=news_view&newsId=20070925006188&newsLang=en

Health care: You'd better shop around

<http://www.startribune.com/535/story/1451180.html>

ELDER LAW SECTION ACTIVITIES

The 17th Annual Elder Law Institute will be held on October 25-26, 2007, at the Minnesota CLE Conference Center in Minneapolis. To register, call 651-227-8266 or 800-759-8840, or go online at www.MinnCLE.org.

Don't miss Dr. Leah Hanson's presentation on the latest in the treatment and prevention of Alzheimer's disease. Dr. Hanson, of the Alzheimer's Treatment Center in St. Paul, will speak at 9:00 a.m. on Oct. 25th.

Special Offer: Institute attendees may purchase the all new Elder Law Handbook for 25% off the regular price.

Elder Law Section Council: The next Council meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m. on October 26th, prior to Day 2 of the Elder Law Institute. All section members are invited to attend.

MINNESOTA CASES

No Minnesota cases to report this week.

STATUTES, REGULATIONS, BULLETINS

Manual Letter # 7 regarding changes and updates to the Health Care Programs Manual. Unless otherwise noted, new and revised instructions are effective October 1, 2007.
<http://hcopub.dhs.state.mn.us/hcpmstd/37.htm>

DHS Issues Monthly Service Case Mix Caps for Alternative Care and Elderly Waiver Programs

http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/groups/publications/documents/pub/dhs16_139270.pdf

ELDER LAW SECTION WEBSITE:

Don't forget that the Elder Law Website is a great resource. Here's what you can find on the Website: Links under "What's New" to the DHS Health Care Programs Manual, the updated Income and Asset Eligibility Figures for Minnesota Health Care Programs, the DHS Bulletin on treatment of uncompensated transfers, the Minnesota Bankers Association Compliance Bulletin on Powers of Attorney, and a legislative summary; Practice Links to organizations such as NAELA, ABA Commission on Law and Aging, Minnesota Senior Federation; Links to Federal and State Government Agencies, Statutes, and Regulations; Meeting Notices, Listings of Officers and Council Members, Section Bylaws, and more.

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