

MSBA ELDER LAW SECTION E-NEWSLETTER

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MINNESOTA HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS FOR SENIORS: UPDATED INCOME AND ASSET ELIGIBILITY FIGURES

The July 2008 income and asset eligibility information for Minnesota health care programs is now posted on the MSBA Website, courtesy of Long, Reher & Hanson, P.A. The updated information is available at: http://www2.mnbar.org/sections/elder-law/health%20eligibility%20July%202008%20_2.pdf

ELDER LAW NEWS

With the American economy spiraling downwards, many lenders have been aggressively marketing reverse mortgages. Senior citizens need to consider the pros and cons of these products before rushing to sign such an agreement with a lender.

<http://www.echopress.com/articles/index.cfm?id=57214§ion=news>

Duluth hospice offers comfort for dying patients.

<https://secure.forumcomm.com/duluth/articles/index.cfm?page=purchase&id=69055&CFID=20486850&CFTOKEN=27599449&jsessionid=88308e58c10e272f2d22>

The State of Minnesota did not renew a \$230,000 grant to VINE Faith in Action. VINE has been providing a wealth of experience and resources for elder citizens wishing to remain independent in their own homes as long as possible.

http://www.mankatofreepress.com/letters/local_story_177145415.html

A new study suggests that arterial calcium scans can predict death risk. Coverage of the procedure by Medicare and medical insurers differs from region to region and company to company.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/06/23/AR2008062301620.html>

A Chisago City senior care facility is attracting residents with a full-service fitness center.

http://www.startribune.com/local/east/20646449.html?location_refer=Art

UPCOMING EVENTS AND CLE PROGRAMS

Age and Disabilities Odyssey

Co-presented by Minnesota DHS's Continuing Care Division and the Minnesota Board on Aging

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, August 18 - 20, 2008, Duluth , Minnesota

A comprehensive education and networking event for those working in the fields of aging and disabilities throughout Minnesota .

More information available at:

http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/idcplg?IdcService=GET_DYNAMIC_CONVERSION&Revision SelectionMethod=LatestReleased&dDocName=dhs16_140408

Home and Community-based Medical Assistance in Minnesota

Presented by Jeffrey W. Schmidt in conjunction with Medical Education Services, Inc. Professional Development Network

Thursday, September 25, 2008

Radisson Suites, 404 West St. Germain, St. Cloud

5.25 CLE credits have been approved by the Minnesota Board of Continuing Education

Information and online registration is available at: www.meds-pdn.com

Elder Law Institute 2008

Co-presented by the Elder Law Section of the MSBA and Minnesota CLE

Thursday and Friday, October 2-3, 2008

Minnesota CLE Conference Center , 3rd floor City Center , Minneapolis

MARK YOUR CALENDARS and watch this site for more information.

ELDER LAW SECTION ACTIVITIES

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEETING: The next Elder Law Section Governing Council meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, August 8, 2008, at the MAO offices, 2021 E.

Hennepin, Suite 200 , Minneapolis . All members are welcome to attend. To participate by phone, please contact Laurie Hanson in advance at lhanson@mnelderlaw.com.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: The next Medical Assistance Committee meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 19, 2008, at the MAO offices, 2021 E. Hennepin, Suite 200 , Minneapolis . For directions, or to attend by phone, please contact Tracie Fenske with Long, Reher & Hanson, P.A. at 952-929-0622.

MINNESOTA CASES

No cases to report this week.

STATUTES, REGULATIONS, BULLETINS

DHS ADULT MENTAL HEALTH DIVISION: REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO PROVIDE STATEWIDE PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN FOR SERIOUS ADULT MENTAL ILLNESS IN OLDER ADULTS. DHS is requesting proposals to conduct a statewide public awareness campaign on serious mental illness in older adults. Proposals are due on July 23, 2008, and the work is to begin on August 1, 2008. More information is available on page 2300 of the June 23, 2008, State Register at:

http://www.comm.media.state.mn.us/bookstore/stateregister/32_52.pdf

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.

To access the ELDER LAW SECTION WEBSITE

Click here: <http://www2.mnbar.org/sections/elder-law/index.asp>

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