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With help, seniors can keep some of their assets in the family rather than lose their entire life savings to the costs of long term care.

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Protecting Seniors News

Welcome, friends, to the inaugural issue of Protecting Seniors News, the elder law newsletter of The Koewler Law Firm. Some of you subscribed long, long ago when I first put up my website, ProtectingSeniors.com. That website became a much bigger project than I anticipated, so this newsletter has been a long time coming. It's been so long that you may have forgotten that you subscribed.

It's also before I set up the double opt-in system, so I do not have confirmation that your email address is correct in my list. If you do not wish to receive this newsletter in the future, the unsubscribe function at the bottom of the newsletter should get you off the list.

I hope to make this a weekly newsletter and will use it to distribute the contents of my blog, ProtectingSeniorsNews.com. I hope to make it short enough to justify weekly publication, pithy enough that you will want to read it, and interesting enough that you might want to share it.

In addition, I will include the relevant articles that I posted to social media during the week as well as firm news and a schedule of upcoming meetings that you might wish to know about.

I hope that you find Protecting Seniors News worth the wait.

New Ohio Medicaid financial standards after cost of living adjustments

The Medicaid program helps pay for long term care (nursing home, assisted living, or in-home care) for many seniors. The Medicaid rules allow the patient and the patient's spouse to keep

certain amounts of their savings and certain amounts from their monthly income. As of January 2014, Ohio's Medicaid program allows the following amounts:

Savings patient can keep: \$1,500

Savings spouse at home can keep: \$23,448 - \$117,240

Monthly income patient can keep: \$45

Monthly income allowance for spouse: \$1,939 - \$2,898

Monthly housing allowance for spouse at home: \$582

Monthly utility allowance for spouse at home: \$456

What Medicaid pays nursing homes each month: \$6,114

Limit on equity in home: \$543,000

Note: This article is my blog for this week. To have a discussion beyond this newsletter, you can submit comments on this blog post at ProtectingSeniorsNews.com.

Because this information is an update of the Medicaid "financial standards," it also appears on my website's Medicaid page.

Social Media Posts from the past week

1-2-2014 When a gold digger targets your parent #SeniorCare #Fraud <http://ow.ly/rfdFL>

1-1-2014 Early stages of a senior's loss of competence #SeniorCare
#Alzheimers <http://ow.ly/rXXQc>

12-31-2013 Some employers offer #LongTermCareInsurance (pdf) <http://ow.ly/rXT9w>

12-30-2013 How to use Medicare's #NursingHome comparison tool
#SeniorCare <http://ow.ly/rYFgC>

12-29-2013 Financial Risks Seniors Take #SeniorCare #EstatePlanning
(pdf) <http://ow.ly/rXSHQ>

12-28-2013 Predictive prowess of #NursingHomeCat (pdf) <http://ow.ly/rXS5N>

Older social media posts can be found in the [social media post archive](#) on the firm's website, ProtectingSeniors.com.

The Koewler Law Firm news

1-7-2014 Jim Koewler will present the continuing education program "Preventing Senior Fraud" at Euclid Hospital. Continuing Education credit is available to Certified Case Manager, social workers, counselors, and nurses.

5-14-2014 Jim Koewler will present the continuing education program "Helping Patients navigate Medicaid, Medicare, and Healthcare Changes" at the Cleveland Clinic. Continuing Education credit is available to Certified Case Manager, social workers, counselors, and nurses.

9-26-2014 Jim Koewler will present "Preventing Senior Fraud" at the meeting of Eldercare

Professionals of Ohio at Heart Home Care in Euclid, Ohio.

Older items of firm news can be found in the [news archive](#) on the firm's website, ProtectingSeniors.com.

Upcoming meetings

- 1-7-2014 Aging Services Network of Euclid, 8:30 a.m.
- 1-8-2014 Medina County Senior Services Network, Meadowview Care Center, 8:00 a.m.
- 1-8-2014 Stark Senior Services Network, Canton Baptist Temple, 9:00 a.m.
- 1-8-2014 Summit Senior Services Administrators and Marketers Association, D'Agnese's on White Pond, 3:00 p.m.
- 1-8-2014 Medina County Senior Services Network's Client Services Committee, Sully's 3:00 p.m.
- 1-9-2014 Lorain County Senior Services Network, Wesleyan Meadows, 8:30 a.m.
- 1-10-2014 Eldercare Professionals of Ohio, Crystal Waters, 9:00 a.m.
- 1-20-2014 Medina County Senior Services Network's Education Committee, Tres Potrillos in Medina, 11:30 a.m.
- 1-21-2014 UH Bedford Senior Network, 8:30 a.m.
- 1-22-2014 Richfield Chamber of Commerce annual dinner, The Taverne of Richfield, 6:00 p.m.
- 1-23-2014 Portage Senior Services Network, Coleman Adult Day Services, 8:30 a.m.
- 1-23-2014 Parma Hospital Senior Resource Network, Royal Oak, 8:30 a.m.
- 1-24-2014 Eldercare Professionals of Ohio, Home Instead Senior Care, Oakwood Village, 9:00 a.m.
- 1-28-2014 Summit County Senior Services Network, Anthony Kucko Kertesz Funeral Home, 8:00 a.m.
- 1-28-2014 PNG (Professional Networking Group) 8:30 a.m.

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