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LINK OF THE WEEK

With the holiday season in full swing, now is an excellent time of the year to start talking to your loved ones about what choices are important to you for end of life. National Healthcare Decisions Day is not until April 16th, but the holiday season is the perfect time of the year to encourage your clients to speak up to their loved ones about their end of life preferences. Be prepared to talk to your clients about what is important to them and share tips about how to start the conversation with their families. To view the NHDD Speak Up video, click [here](#).

Submitted by Brenna Galvin

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ELDER LAW NEWS

Feds give Minn. \$150K to fight Medicare fraud | [MPR News](#)

Scams target senior citizens | [SC Times](#)

Family fights back after elderly woman loses \$75,000 to a scam | [WDRB](#)

Seniors selling prescription pills to pay bills | [KSDK](#)

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ELDER LAW CASES

There are no new Minnesota cases to report this week.

STATUTES, REGULATIONS, BULLETINS

#11-21-11 Eliminating the Addback of Depreciation for MinnesotaCare Farm

Self-Employment Income The purpose of this bulletin is to provide policy and instructions to eliminate the addback of depreciation for MinnesotaCare farm self-

employment income. The bulletin, dated November 14, 2011, is available [here](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS AND CLE PROGRAMS

There are no upcoming events or CLE programs to report this week.

ELDER LAW SECTION ACTIVITIES

MA COMMITTEE MEETING: The next MA Committee meeting will be at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 20, 2011. The Medical Assistance Committee is a study group to analyze Elder Law Section member questions and case studies and to discuss administrative policies and procedures in relation to Medical Assistance in Minnesota. Cathryn D. Reher of Long, Reher & Hanson, P.A., is Committee Chair. For directions, or to attend by phone, please contact Tracie Fenske with Long, Reher & Hanson, P.A., at [952-929-0622](tel:952-929-0622) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting. Topics for the meeting may be submitted to tfenske@mnelderlaw.com under the subject heading "MA Committee Topic", or faxed to [952-542-9201](tel:952-542-9201). Please be reminded that the meeting location is: Estate & Elder Law Services (formerly MAO Legal Services), Monroe Village, 1900

Central Avenue NE, Suite 106, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55418. There are a few parking spaces behind the building and lots of street parking. People should walk to the back of the building and come to the back door which faces directly into the meeting room.

GOVERNING COUNCIL: The next meeting of the Elder Law Section Governing Council will be on Friday, December 16, 2011 at 3:30 pm at the offices of the Volunteers of America (VOA) at 1900 Central Avenue NE, Suite 106, Minneapolis, MN 55418. For further information, please contact Suzy Scheller, Chair, at: suzy@schellerlegalsolutions.com.

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T FORGET THAT THE ELDER LAW WEBSITE IS A GREAT RESOURCE. Here's what you can find on the Website: Links to the DHS Health Care Programs Manual, the DHS Bulletin on treatment of uncompensated transfers, the Minnesota Bankers Association Compliance Bulletin on Powers of Attorney, legislative summary; Practice Links to organizations such as NAELA, ABA Commission on Law and Aging, 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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Click here: <http://www.mnbar.org/sections/elder-law/index.asp>

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