



From The Desk of Victoria L. Collier, CELA

MEDICARE AND TRAVEL – THINGS TO CONSIDER

One of the aspects that many of our firm's clients relish about their current "season" of life is **the time and opportunity they are afforded for travel**. This time of year, especially, we enjoy hearing stories of our clients' adventures, relaxing vacations, or trips to visit a beloved grandchild. We often work with clients to make sure their legal documents are in place and up to

date prior to planning for travel or after relocating to Georgia to be closer to family members. We recommend seniors also **consider health insurance implications** when planning for an adventurous retirement full of travel or a potential relocation.

When you speak with your insurance broker or health insurance counselor **discuss your**

expectations for where and how often you will plan to travel so you can be taken care of wherever you go. Happy travels!

To Your Health And Happiness,

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Did You Know?

Professional Speakers Day is August 7th!

Does your group need a speaker for an upcoming event or meeting? Our firm provides informative presentations on a variety of topics including Elder Law, Estate Planning, and the best way to pay for Long Term Care.

To schedule an expert speaker, call **Melanie Richardson at 404-370-0696!**

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Fighting For Family Caregivers & Their Loved Ones

The Credit For Caring Act Waits For Congress

Most family caregivers spend roughly **20 hours per week** looking after ailing family members. The trouble is that these dedicated caregivers don't receive appropriate compensation for their tireless contribution. This could change with the introduction of **The Credit For Caring Act** to the U.S. Senate.

The Elder care community is urging Congress to pass a **Federal Tax Credit that will provide between \$2,000-\$3,000 annually to qualifying family caregivers.**

According to AARP, about **40 million family caregivers across the U.S. provide 37 billion hours of unpaid care.** Family caregivers are estimated to save taxpayers **\$470 billion of "free" care a year.** Additionally, this aid helps their loved ones live happier, and more independently in their communities.

Not only does this incredible contribution of aid to loved ones by these family caregivers **save taxpayers billions,** but their efforts can prevent delays for other less-fortunate members of the community from receiving nursing home, and hospital care.

78% of family caregivers who take care of their and aging loved ones **pay out of pocket** to ensure that their family members are getting the necessary care. On average, family caregivers pay \$7,000 annually to take care of their ailing family

Medicare Info Session at The Elder & Disability Law Firm

August 16th
@ 10:30 a.m.



Our firm will host Medicare expert Keith Nabb, President of Affordable Medicare Solutions to discuss your options and answer your questions before Medicare Open Enrollment starts.

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members, and they put their financial goals on pause in order to help maintain the quality of life for their family.

The Credit for Caring Act hopes will provide crucial financial assistance to the members of our families and communities who selflessly dedicate their time to caring for loved ones with disabilities. The bill highlights the universal importance of what it means to give your time, money, and health to take care of a loved one in need.

We're fighting for your family. As we're sure you know, taking care of a loved one in need is hard work. You deserve some help. Learn more about the free resources that can make life easier for you and your family.

Visit us online at ElderLawGeorgia.com

NEW Durable Power of Attorney Law in Georgia!

On July 1st, the Georgia Uniform Power of Attorney Act went into effect!

Although the new statutory form, along with the new Georgia code (law), is much better than the one previous, it *does not* specifically include protections for seniors who are aging and want to take measures to protect their assets in the event they could qualify for government assistance programs, like Veterans Benefits or Medicaid. In order to completely protect yourself, your new power of attorney must include certain “**Special Instructions.**” Thus, a “standard” form, even on the new statutory form, will *not* be enough for most seniors who care about protecting their families and their assets.

The Elder & Disability Law Firm of Victoria L. Collier, PC will provide a new statutory power of attorney, with appropriate special instructions, at a **33% DISCOUNT OFF** our regular rates for advising, drafting, and executing a financial power of attorney during the month of August.

Call **404-370-0696** and speak with a Client Services Representative and tell them, “I’d like the new statutory financial power of attorney.”

Act Soon!

The 33% OFF Special for new Financial Power of Attorney documents ENDS after August!



Keep in mind the following 3 pieces of information about your Medicare insurance coverage before you hit the open road:

- Original Medicare and Medicare Supplemental (MediGap) Plans are valid and *must* be accepted across the country by **any provider** who accepts Medicare insurance
- Medicare Supplemental plans are available to cover medical care required during overseas travel
- Medicare Advantage (Part C) Plans work with select providers – make sure to **notify your Medicare Advantage** provider within 24 to 48 hours if you receive *emergency out of network* care while traveling

Stay informed so you can take advantage of the care that you're entitled too. To learn more visit **ElderLawGeorgia.com** today!

ATTEND OUR UPCOMING EVENTS

404-370-0696 Call Our Office To Register
Or Ask About Our Events

8/9

@ 6:30pm Victoria Collier will present information about Veterans Benefits and Georgia's NEW LAW affecting Durable Powers of Attorney at Elmcroft of Roswell.
Who will make medical decisions for you if you are unable to make them for yourself?

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Wednesday @ 10:30am – The Elder & Disability Law Firm of Victoria L. Collier, PC hosts Keith Nabb of Affordable Medicare Solutions . In this seminar, he will teach you how to properly analyze the thousands of Medicare plan combinations, and how to easily narrow down which ones are best for not only your finances, but your health, and your lifestyle. Updates to Medicare in 2017 will be discussed, as well as how to prepare for the open enrollment season which begins in October.

@ 2:30pm – Kimberly Partain will be at Clairmont Place Retirement Community for a Financial Power of Attorney Q&A

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@ 6:00pm Victoria Collier will present “Are You Protected... For the Rest of Your Life?” at Parc at Duluth

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@ 10:00am Kimberly Partain will participate in a Speakers Panel at Dekalb Medical Center.

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@ 10:00am Annual AMP Client Meeting and Fall Client Social at The Elder & Disability Law Firm of Victoria L. Collier, PC

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@ 9:00am – The Elder & Disability Law Firm of Victoria L. Collier, PC team will participate in Atlanta’s 2017 Walk to End Alzheimer’s at Kennesaw State University.

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@ 11:00am Melanie Richardson will present “Estate & Long Term Care Planning In A Nutshell: Protect Yourself, Your Family and Your Finances” to the Elite Seniors Group at New Life Presbyterian Church.