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More Online Trainings Available

Five new trainings are available for viewing over the web by attorneys and staff. There is a processing fee for CLE credit. In most cases, there is no charge for viewing these trainings, but everyone who wishes to view these trainings must register. All of the trainings in this article will be available by May 15, 2009.

To view the trainings...

- Start up your web browser and go to this location: <http://onlineresources.wnylc.net>
- On the left side of the screen, click on "Online Training"
- Click on the desired training; a registration form will be displayed
- Fill out the registration form; then click on "Submit form"
- A link to the presentation will be sent to the email address provided in the registration form

If you are an attorney and wish to receive CLE credit, you must fill out the course evaluation and attorney

affirmation forms and mail it to the address on the form along with payment for processing of the CLE credit request. New York State Bar Association rules require that the forms be mailed. They cannot be submitted electronically.

Newly admitted attorneys in New York State can not receive CLE credit for online training.

If you are an attorney who is not licensed in New York State and want CLE credit, please check to see if your state allows New York State CLE credits to be applied to your state's CLE requirements.



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Medicare with Medicaid: Maximizing Health Coverage for Dual Eligibles

This workshop will cover the A, B, Cs and Ds of Medicare and several strategies for helping elderly and/or disabled clients use both Medicare and Medicaid together, including Medicare Savings Programs, Medicaid Spend Down and the Medicaid Buy-in-Program for Working People with Disabilities.

Date of original presentation: 09/23/2008

Presenters: Cathy Roberts, Empire Justice Center, Albany, New York; Diane Spicer, Legal Aid Society's Health Law Unit, New York

Viewing time: 1 hour 43 minutes

CLE Credits: 2.0 Professional Practice.

Cost for viewing this training if CLE credit is requested: \$60.00 for Not-for-Profit Agencies; \$90.00 for Private Practice Attorneys. There is no charge for viewing this training unless CLE credit is requested.



What's Happening in Medicaid: Recent Changes to Eligibility and Services

This workshop will cover significant changes to New York's Medicaid Program in the last several years, including eligibility expansions, streamlining and simplification of enrollment and recertification requirements, and expansion of Mandatory Medicaid Managed Care.

Date of Original Presentation: 9/23/08

Presenters: Trilby deJung, Lisa Sbrana, Matt Lesieur

Viewing Time: 1 hour 19 minutes (79 minutes)

CLE Credits: 1.5 Professional Practice

Cost for viewing this training if CLE credit is requested: \$60.00 for Not-for-Profit Agencies; \$90.00 for Private Practice Attorneys. There is no charge for viewing this training unless CLE credit is requested.

The 17% Solution: Child Support Issues Faced By Low Income Parents

This session will focus on the myriad issues faced by low income custodial and non-custodial parents in the world of child support enforcement. The session will include an overview of the requirement that applicants and recipients assign their rights to child support or obtain child support orders as a condition of eligibility for public assistance, Medicaid and child care, including "good cause" exceptions; a review of the State's new desk review procedure for custodial parents who believe they were erroneously denied or underpaid the \$50 pass through and excess support, and issues raised by the State call center which pre-empts calls to local support collection units. The session will also cover issues faced by indigent respondents including excessive child support add-ons, problems with the \$500 cap on arrears and restraints on exempt income. Finally, the session will include an overview of the provisions in the



Deficit Reduction Act that affect child support.

Date of original presentation: 09/23/2008

Presenters: Susan Antos, Senior Attorney, Empire Justice Center; Jennifer Magida, Staff Attorney, New York Legal Assistance Group

Viewing time: 1 hour 35 minutes

CLE Credits: 1.5 Professional Practice.

Cost for viewing this training if CLE credit is requested: \$60.00 for Not-for-Profit Agencies; \$90.00 for Private Practice Attorneys. There is no charge for viewing this training unless CLE credit is requested.

Medicaid Home Care Advocacy Training

New York’s Medicaid home care program is the most comprehensive in the country, enabling about 100,000 elderly or disabled persons a year to remain in their homes. As the government has cut back on all entitlements in the last decde, changes in policy make it more difficult to access home care. Aggressive advocacy is needed to obtain the amount of home care that clients need, but this requires intensive development of facts and medical evidence.

This training will explain to viewers the differences between the six different Medicaid home care programs, how to prepare medical

documentation and win benefits for their clients, either through advocacy at the local Medicaid offices run by the Department of Social Services in each county (the “CASA” offices in New York City), by advocacy with certified home health care agencies (CHHAs), or by representing clients at a fair hearing.

Because of its length, this training has been broken into three parts. CLE credit will be awarded for each portion of the training completed. It is not required that all three parts of this training be viewed in order to receive CLE credit.

Application for accreditation of this course or program in New York is currently pending for approval as a New York CLE transitional program

Medicaid Home Care Advocacy Training - Part 1

Learn the six different types of home care and which one suits your client:

- Personal care/home attendant,
- Certified home health care (CHHA),
- Waiver services (Lombardi, TBI, Nursing Home Diversion & Transition Waiver),
- Private Duty Nursing,
- Managed Long Term Care
- Consumer Directed Personal Assistance Program).

Learn about eligibility criteria, and which agency approves care. Also learn about



the financial issues in home care – how does each program treat the “spend-down,” spousal refusal, pooled trusts, transfers of assets, and the changing “spousal impoverishment” protections in the waiver programs such as Lombardi and TBI.

Date of Original Presentation: 1/13/09

Viewing Time: 2 hours 20 minutes

Presenters: Valerie Bogart & David Silva, Selfhelp Community Services, Inc., Evelyn Frank Legal Resources Program

CLE Credits: 2.5 Professional Practice & .5 Ethics (Accreditation of this course is currently pending)

Cost for viewing this training if CLE credit is requested: \$75 for not-for-profit agencies; \$100 for private law firms and geriatric care managers. Discounts are available for viewing all three parts of this training: \$180 for not-for-profit agencies; \$270 for private law firms and geriatric care managers.

If CLE credit is not requested, the cost of this training is \$25 for not-for-profit agencies; \$50 for private law firms and geriatric care managers; \$50 for students.

Medicaid Home Care Advocacy Training - Part 2

How to prepare an application for personal care (a/k/a home attendant) services that will be approved quickly and in the amount

of hours your client needs. The application is based on the treating physician’s order called the “M11q” in New York City. Learn how the local DSS (CASA) evaluates requests and what standards it uses, and how to advocate at the local DSS (CASA) for more hours.

Date of Original Presentation: 1/13/09

Viewing Time: 3 hours

Presenters: Valerie Bogart & David Silva, Selfhelp Community Services, Inc., Evelyn Frank Legal Resources Program

CLE Credits: 4.0 Professional Practice (Accreditation of this course is currently pending)

Cost for viewing this training if CLE credit is requested: \$75 for not-for-profit agencies; \$100 for private law firms and geriatric care managers. Discounts are available for viewing all three parts of this training: \$180 for not-for-profit agencies; \$270 for private law firms and geriatric care managers.

If CLE credit is not requested, the cost of this training is \$25 for not-for-profit agencies; \$50 for private law firms and geriatric care managers; \$50 for students.

Medicaid Home Care Advocacy Training - Part 3

How to prepare for and advocate at fair hearings, the *Varshavsky* “home hearing” process, fair hearing rights in Certified Home Health Agency (CHHA) cases (*Catanzano*), and how to request reimbursement for out-of-pocket care





privately paid for before application was filed and while it is pending.

Date of Original Presentation: 2/02/09

Viewing Time: 3 hours 10 minutes

Presenters: Valerie Bogart & David Silva, Selfhelp Community Services, Inc., Evelyn Frank Legal Resources Program

CLE Credits: 3.5 Professional Practice & .5 Ethics (Accreditation of this course is currently pending)

Cost for viewing this training if CLE credit is requested: \$75 for not-for-profit agencies; \$100 for private law firms and geriatric care managers. Discounts are available for viewing all three parts of this training: \$180 for not-for-profit agencies; \$270 for private law firms and geriatric care managers.

If CLE credit is not requested, the cost of this training is \$25 for not-for-profit agencies; \$50 for private law firms and geriatric care managers; \$50 for students.

Effect of Holocaust Reparations on Medicaid, SSI and Other Benefits

The *Victims of Nazi Persecution Act of 1994* creates a special right for survivors of the Holocaust. When they apply for federally funded benefits or services that are based on financial need, the payments they have received based on their status as a victim of Nazi persecution are not counted in determining their financial eligibility for these federally

funded benefits. This training will cover the following issues:

- Reparations and Medicaid, SSI and Other Benefits that are Federally or State Funded - Law, Regulations, and Litigation
- Calculating Amount of Reparations Received, Currency Conversion
- Germany Social Security Issues
- Reparations and Taxes

Date of Original Presentation: 2/02/09

Viewing Time: 1 hour 40 minutes

Presenter: Valerie Bogart, Selfhelp Community Services, Inc., Evelyn Frank Legal Resources Program

CLE Credits: 2.0 Professional Practice (Accreditation of this course is currently pending)

Cost for viewing this training if CLE credit is requested: \$75 for not-for-profit agencies; \$100 for private law firms and geriatric care managers. There is no charge for viewing this training unless CLE credit is requested.





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 Number of Pages Viewed.....164,657
 Total Visitors.....55,182
 Average Hits/Day.....17,372
 Average Pages /Day.....5,311
 Top Web Browsers Used:
 Internet Explorer 7.x.....42%
 Internet Explorer 6.x.....22%
 Firefox.....11%
 Safari.....1%

Top 5 Operating Systems Used:
 Windows XP.....57%
 Windows 2000.....3%
 Windows Vista.....13%
 Windows 98.....1%
 Mac OS.....2%



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