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ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEWS

Social Security Administration to Resume In-Person Services at Local Social Security Offices

Local Social Security offices restored in-person services, including for people without an appointment, on [April 7, 2022](#).

LEGISLATIVE/STATUTORY

Bill to End Medicaid Estate Recovery Introduced in U.S. House

[The Stop Unfair Medicaid Recoveries Act \(H.R. 6698\)](#), introduced by Representative Jan Schakowsky (D-IL), would amend Title XIX of the Social Security Act to repeal the requirement that states establish a Medicaid Estate Recovery Program and limit the circumstances in which a state may place a lien on a Medicaid beneficiary's property.

RESOURCES

Get Your Legal House in Order: Tips for Senior Women

[South Carolina Legal Services](#) attorneys [Susan Ingles](#) and [Jamie Bell](#) took a look at common law marriage in South Carolina, and the impact it has on women. Watch their discussion [here](#) and learn tips for senior women on how to get your legal house in order.

2022 NAELA Annual Conference - In Person and Live May 13-14, 2022 - Scottsdale, Arizona

The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA)'s Annual Conference, the nation's premier conference for elder law and special needs planning attorneys. Register [here](#).

SPOTLIGHT

Catie Buckingham, LBSW - Medical Legal Partnership Director



Catie is a member of Furman University's Institute for the Advancement of Community Health and the Director of the Upstate Medical Legal Partnership (MLP). When not saying that very long sentence, Catie can be found listening to 90's boybands while working to improve the processes and systems of the MLP. With a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work from Winthrop University, Catie works to ensure every person who engages with the MLP walks away having experienced unconditional empathy and radical competence. As a Bloomberg Fellow and MPH Candidate at Johns Hopkins University Bloomberg School of Public Health, Catie studies ways to understand the impacts of the social environment on health and justice equity. She is determined to cut through red tape with a pair of oversized, sparkly scissors, and reconstruct public health systems to be more effective in removing barriers for marginalized populations.

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