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ELDER CARE REVIEW

April 2021 Update

There are several important updates regarding Medicaid and Medicare as of April 2021.

MEDICAID HOME CARE

The implementation of the Medicaid Home Care 30 month look-back for Home Care/Community Medicaid is scheduled to begin July 1, 2021. However, there is some indication that it will be delayed further. In addition, the new assessment procedures for home care hours are also likely to be delayed.

DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY

A new Durable Power of Attorney document will begin to be used in New York State starting June 13, 2021. Please consult your attorney for the particular details and to determine how the new POA affects already existing legal documents.

NEW YORK STATE BUDGET

The New York State budget has passed and there are two major changes affecting Eldercare:

- Nursing Homes will be required to spend 70% of the gross income on direct patient care costs, including 40% on staffing. This requirement applies to nursing, housekeeping, laundry and ancillary services. This is effective January 2022.
- Additionally, the COVID-19 liability protection granted to nursing homes, hospitals and other healthcare providers has been repealed.FAM

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