## Why Hire an Elder Law Firm to Coordinate Florida Medicaid?

When it comes to the complicated process of applying for Medicaid in Florida, families want the peace of mind of having a professional law firm on their side. An Elder Law firm has the knowledge and expertise of the Medicaid laws and policies that no 'Medicaid planner' can ever match. Here are the benefits of hiring a licensed professional Elder Law attorney :

- Attorney Pillion is a Nationally Certified Elder Law Attorney
- Attorney carefully explains the complicated Federal & State Medicaid laws
- Initial Consultations are always Free
- Attorney prepares any other necessary legal documents (POA, Wills, Deeds, etc..)
- Attorney advice & guidance with Asset Protection
- <u>3 Medicaid Specialists with combined 40 years of</u> <u>Medicaid experience</u>
- Legal representation with DCF Fair Hearings
- Clients advised on how to avoid 'Medicaid Recovery'
- Law firm prepares and submits required 'Annual Reviews'
- Attorney follows Florida Bar Rules of Professional Conduct
- Attorney remains available for advice after Medicaid approval
- Attorney always has ethical duty to protect his Elderly clients



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## What is an Elder Law Attorney?

An Elder Law Attorney is aware of the real life problems, health and otherwise, that seniors experience as they age. They are tied into a system of social workers, psychologists, geriatric care managers, and other elder care professionals who may be of assistance to their clients. Attorneys who work with the elderly bring more to their practice than just experience with the legal issues. They have an understanding of the elderly that allows them and their staff to ignore the myths related to aging. At the same time, they recognize and empathize with some of the true physical and mental difficulties that often accompany the aging process.

**Kevin Pillion, Esq.** received his Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center and has been practicing law since 1990. He is licensed to practice law in both Florida and Washington, DC and is Accredited by the Department of Veterans Affairs. He is a member of The Florida Bar, American Academy of Estate Planning Attorneys, National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, National Elder Law Foundation, Florida Academy of Elder Law Attorneys, and the Life Planning Law Firms Association. He obtained his Certification in Elder Law (CELA®) from the National Elder Law Foundation in 2019. The National Elder Law Foundation is the only national organization approved by the American Bar Association to offer certification in the areas of Elder Law and Special Needs Law. A certification in Elder Law provides assurance that the attorney has an indepth working knowledge of all the legal issues that impact the elderly and their families.

**AWORDOFCAUTION**....Long-term care planning requires in depth knowledge of tax law, proficiency in estate planning, and a thorough understanding of the Medicaid laws and regulations which are constantly updated and changing. Long-term care estate planning and Medicaid planning should only be done under the supervision of a licensed Attorney with specific knowledge in the areas of Elder Law and Medicaid rules and regulations. Certain transfers and modifications of assets can have significant tax ramifications. Furthermore, improper transfers or gifts can disqualify a Medicaid beneficiary, result in a significant period of ineligibility for Medicaid benefits, and even future Medicaid recovery efforts.

We serve the needs of Seniors and their loved ones in the areas of Elder Law, Medicaid, Asset Protection, Estate Planning and Probate.



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