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## THE CAREGIVERS' NEWSLETTER

*The Caregivers' Choice:  
Top 10 Articles and Questions for August 2016*

### News And Articles

#### [Why Elderly People Don't Eat](#)

Seniors often begin to eat less as they get older, but proper nutrition is still paramount. Learn about the underlying reasons why your loved one may not be eating and make sure that something more serious isn't causing them to avoid mealtime. [Read More »](#)

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### Questions and Discussions From Caregivers

**Q: I get angry with my mother for not being able to control her bladder and bowel. Any advice?**

I have never been a mean person, but the constant cleaning up after, the smell and the laundry is stressing me out.

**Q: Does it make sense for me to buy a car and put it in my father's name to make him eligible for Medicaid?**

I was told by an attorney that this would immediately qualify Dad for Medicaid and that later on I can put the car in my name without penalty.

**Q: My husband needs to be in a nursing facility, but how will this affect me financially?**

He has no 401(k), I have only \$400 in mine, and I am only 45. Our house is paid off and all cars are in my name.

**Q: My mother is telling lies about taking a shower. Any ideas?**

She is definitely not showering since the couch smells, but she won't accept help.

**Q: Mother-in-law loves having diarrhea. How do I handle this?**

She is being forced to shower twice a week because the smell is horrific and she's very upset about it.

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