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Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research (NIDILRR) is requesting comments on its draft long-range plan for the period 2018–2023

This plan provides an overview of the state of people with disabilities in the United States and NIDILRR's current investments and potential future directions for research grants. Comments will be accepted by email to NIDILRRfuture@acl.hhs.gov. Comments are due by close of business on Monday, March 20. [Click here to read the plan.](#)

Senior P.R.E.P (Planning Resources for Emergency Preparedness): Poison Control & Medications

SENIOR P.R.E.P. is a program designed to raise awareness of the importance of individual emergency preparedness for South Carolina's senior population. It is sponsored by the Lieutenant Governor's Office on Aging (LGOA), in partnership with Walgreens and the South Carolina Emergency Management Division (SCEMD). [Click here for tips from the American Association of Poison Control Centers that can help senior adults stay poison-safe.](#)

Speakers for Elder Law Month

May is Elder Law Month! The Elder Law Committee of the South Carolina Bar has a limited number of attorneys able to speak to community organizations on elder law topics. If an organization that you are involved with is interested in having an attorney speaker during the month of May, please email Thomas D. Kilpatrick at Tkilpatrick@murphyllawgroup.net.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Bills to watch for consideration in 2017:

- H. 3013: Electronic communication providers
- H. 3120: Residential care facilities
- H. 3154: Payments to minors or incapacitated people
- H. 3511: Probate Court- Change to Guardianship and Conservatorship
- S. 178: Arbitration agreements

U.S. Senate Special Committee on Aging

On February 1st, the Committee on Aging held hearings on "Stopping Senior Scams: Developments in Financial Fraud Affecting Seniors." To view the hearing or download the testimony, [click here](#).

EVENTS

Central Midlands Area Agency on Aging to Sponsor "My Will" Clinics

The Central Midlands Area Agency on Aging, in conjunction with the USC School of Law Pro Bono Program and the S.C. Bar Public Services Division, will be sponsoring My Will clinics through May 2017. The next clinic will be held on February 17, 2017 in Columbia. Low-income senior citizens who would like to have a simple will done should contact the Central Midlands AAA at 803-744-5120 to see if they qualify and schedule an appointment. There is an application form to complete and **appointments are required**. Attorney volunteers can sign up [here](#).

S.C. Bar Free Legal Clinics

The South Carolina Bar sponsors free legal clinics around the state focusing on the following topics: Elder Law; End of

Life Issues; Senior Issues; Powers of Attorney; Wills, Estates and Probate; and Senior Scams. You can find the schedule [here](#). For more information about the clinics, or to schedule a clinic for your organization, contact Debbie Morris at debbie.morris@schar.org.

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