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EVENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elder Law Committee is seeking comments (submission deadline is July 31st)

The Elder Law Committee (ELC) is looking at ways to improve the process for the appointment of guardians and conservators in the South Carolina Probate Courts. In cooperation with the South Carolina Association of Probate Judges Article 5 Committee, the ELC has established these goals to be addressed through proposed legislation to improve upon current law. The ELC is seeking comment on these goals and on potential ways to meet those goals from stakeholders and the public.

Aging Gracefully Conference

The South Carolina Bar, in conjunction with the S.C. Medical Association and the S.C. Coalition for the Care of the Seriously Ill, is holding its second annual conference, Aging Gracefully, to address the concerns and questions facing South Carolina's elderly, their families and their caregivers. The conference will take place on **August 13th in Greenville** and on **August 20th in Florence**. Click here for specific registration information.

IN THE NEWS

Senior P.R.E.P (Planning Resources for Emergency Preparedness): Hurricane Awareness

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 to see July's resource: S.C. Hurricane Guide.

Supreme Court upholds nationwide health care law subsidies

The 6-3 court ruling on Thursday essentially preserves health insurance for 6.4 million Americans who receive federal subsidies and live in the so-called "HealthCare.gov states." In South Carolina, more than 90 percent of Affordable Care Act customers receive subsidies to reduce the amount they pay for insurance each month. In this state, they qualify for an average \$281 monthly discount. Click here for the full story.

Medicare and Medicaid 50th Anniversary

On July 30, 1965, President Johnson signed legislation to establish Medicare for the elderly and Medicaid for low-income adults, children, pregnant women, and people with disabilities. Please click here to read more.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Bills to watch for consideration in 2016:

- H.3768: SC Able Savings Program
- S.257: Electronic monitoring
- S.290: Vulnerable Adult and Senior Citizen Protection Act
- S.778: S.C. Uniform Power of Attorney Act

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