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ANNOUNCEMENTS

\$1 Million Administration for Community Living (ACL) Grant to Create a New National Center on Law and Elder Rights

ACL's Administration on Aging announced the release of \$1,050,000 to the nationally-recognized senior advocacy organization Justice in Aging to create a new National Center on Law and Elder Rights (NCLER). The NCLER will support ACL's ongoing efforts to protect the rights, financial security, and independence of older adults.

Medicare Open Enrollment

October 15 to December 7 is when all people with Medicare can change their Medicare health plan and prescription drug coverage for 2017. People with Medicare can call 1-800-633-4227 or visit www.medicare.gov for additional plan information. If a person is satisfied that their current plan will meet their needs for next year, they don't need to do anything. For more information on how the Office on Aging can help, please [click here](#).

NAELA Celebrates National Special Needs Law Month

NAELA established October as National Special Needs Law Month as a grassroots effort to help people with disabilities and their families understand Special Needs Planning and the resources available to them. For more information, [click here](#).

New National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Report – Families Caring for an Aging America

An expert committee met to recommend policies to address the needs and minimize barriers for caregivers of older adults. The report provides an overview of the prevalence and nature of family caregiving; its personal impact on caregivers' health, economic security, and overall well-being; the effectiveness of programs and interventions designed to support caregivers; and recommendations for developing a national strategy to engage and support them. [Click here](#) to read the full report.

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@scbar.org.

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