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Part One-A New Durable Power of Attorney Statute

The RPPTL White Paper and Draft Statute are included in these materials. The RPPTL Executive Council approved these change unanimously. The proposed change will be part of the RPPTL legislative package in 2011. There are a number of drafting changes to consider now to avoid bringing in clients for a redo.

Part Two- The Preexisting Condition Part of New Healthcare Law and why it needs to be on Your Checklist

The Pre-existing Condition Insurance Program (PCIP) became effective in Florida on August 1, 2010. It will have a great fit for many estate planning clients and will often replace the need for Medicaid benefits elder law clients.

Part Three- VA Leads the Way to Community Based Care Services- Another item for your Checklist

Estate planners are more and more aware of some of the VA programs. Most are familiar with the VA healthcare system offering medical benefits. Some are aware of the programs for chronically ill and disabled veterans- Compensation benefits where the disability is service-connected and Pension benefits for veterans and their surviving spouses of limited means.

VA community based services, both inpatient and outpatient, are well kept secrets and the benefits in some of these programs are awesome, but you need to know about them to find access.