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Medicaid is a federal health insurance program locally administered by the Michigan Department of Community Health and the Department of Human Services. Eligibility for coverage of long-term care costs under the program is subject to limitations on the assets and income of an individual and/or his or her spouse. However, under the program, some assets are "countable assets," and some are not.



The Law Office of Matthew W. Delezenne P.C. practices all aspects of Probate law, including Estate Planning, guardianship and conservatorship, decedent estates, and litigation. **My subspecialty of Estate Planning includes Medicaid Eligibility.** Given that nursing home (and in-home) costs in Michigan are skyrocketing to over **\$66,000 per year**, long-term healthcare costs can wipe out hard-earned and long-held family assets in a very short period of time. Medicaid Eligibility is therefore an increasingly crucial element of Estate Planning, involving the preservation of family estate assets in the event that a loved one requires long-term healthcare.

My office offers assistance and legal counsel regarding obtaining eligibility for Medicaid coverage of long-term healthcare costs - without depleting the estate. In other words, you do not necessarily need to "spend down" your assets in order to obtain coverage. Through the conversion of otherwise disqualifying assets from "countable" to "non-countable," Medicaid coverage of these substantial costs can be obtained. Clearly, this service is essential for any family facing this situation – or expecting to in the next few years – and **the fee is usually less than the cost of one month's care in a Medicaid certified healthcare facility.** Thus, the fee paid is usually offset entirely by actual savings in healthcare costs.



My office also offers legal counsel regarding Estate Planning for future, or anticipated, long-term healthcare costs. This includes counseling on divestment and/or conversion of assets in order to render a currently ineligible estate eligible at a time when you anticipate the need for long-term healthcare will arise.

I would be delighted to arrange a free consultation to discuss what I have to offer to help you preserve for your family the Estate legacy that you worked so hard to build.

Matthew W. Delezenne, Esq.