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# New ICLE book explains Medicaid planning

Michigan Medicaid Planning Handbook—a new book from the Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE)—takes the mystery out of Medicaid planning. The first Michigan-specific, plain English guide for lawyers, it helps lawyers answer their clients' Medicaid questions or build their own Medicaid planning practice.

As the population ages, care costs rise, and economic pressures loom, Medicaid is a major piece of the long-term care puzzle. In this book, Douglas G. Chalgian shares planning strategies that work, explains the law, and includes numerous forms and samples. Mr. Chalgian, of Chalgian & Tripp Law Offices, East Lansing and Jackson, is a well-known elder law expert and former chair of the State Bar Elder Law and Disability Rights Section.

“Estate planners report that many of their clients have questions about long term care and look to them for answers,” says ICLE Director Lynn P. Chard. “We’re very grateful to Doug Chalgian for

creating a no-nonsense guide that helps them give those answers.”

Chapters cover building a practice, asset eligibility, divestment, income eligibility, common strategies, going to probate court, the application, and post-eligibility planning. The book includes over 60 forms and sample applications.

The book costs \$135 in print (online edition also offered) and is available from the Institute of Continuing Legal Education, 1020 Greene Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. For more information, call ICLE at (877) 229-4350 or go to [www.icle.org/mcaid](http://www.icle.org/mcaid).

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