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In aller Kürze

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Ein Tag im Leben von ...

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Unique Eastate-Planning Opportunities

Special Trusts for Survivors

Victims of Nazi persecution who have received, or are recipients of compensation in the form of restitution, pension and/or reparation payments from the governments of Germany, Austria and the Netherlands, can benefit from a recent development in the field of Elderlaw – the establishment of the “Victims of Nazi Persecution Compensation Trust.” The Victims of Nazi Persecution Compensation Trust has the effect of allowing beneficiaries of such compensation to receive U. S. governmental assistance for medical benefits, without spending down their assets to proscribed levels.

Through legislation enacted by Congress in 1994, American citizens who were victims of Nazi persecution can exempt from the costs of Medicaid, funds which they have received as compensation for having been persecuted by the Nazis before and during World War II.

The Victims of Nazi Persecution Compensation Trust provides a means through which compensation funds, or their present-day equivalent, received from Germany, Austria or the Netherlands, can be kept separate from an individual's other assets and be considered exempt from Medicaid. As a result, compensation recipients, whose assets would otherwise be considered too great to receive governmental assistance for their care without spending down or divesting themselves of their assets, can now receive such services while remaining in possession of their funds. Most importantly, during the lifetime of the recipient, these protected assets may be used at his or her discretion for whatever purposes he or she desires.

A Victims of Nazi Persecution Compensation Trust further protects these same funds from Medicaid estate recovery provisions and ensures that the compensation assets will benefit the next generation. Though people can, and often do, identify a certain asset or assets as exempt, they fail to secure that same asset in a manner which guarantees that it will pass to their heirs. As a result, once they themselves die, these assets – once free from Medicaid's claims – are subjected to and depleted through “Medicaid's estate recovery provisions.” By establishing a trust agreement funded solely by funds identified as compensation received as a result of Nazi persecution, one can ensure that these funds will remain exempt and thus upon the death of the recipient can be distributed according to the individual's testamentary intent. This exception to the general Medicaid planning guideline is only available to recipients of compensation from Germany,

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Jüdisches Museum Franken
lädt zum Stadtrundgang
Synagogen in Fürth

Berliner *Aufbau*-Leser
recherchiert nach Personen
aus Großmutter's Erzählungen
Erfolgreiche Suche nach der
Familie Zutrauen

KULTUR

Zeichnungen von Jakob
Steinhardt im Berliner
Stadtmuseum
Seine Lehrer waren
Lovis Corinth und Henri
Matisse

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„Puppy“ erobert New York
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Bayrischer Künstler ortet
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Die Schwingungen, die
Menschen
kreativ machen

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Ein Gespräch mit dem
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Erich Dublons Tagebuch –
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IN MEMORIAM

Bianca Berger starb im Alter
von 97 Jahren
„Wenn Du nichts riskierst,
kannst Du nicht leben“

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Austria or the Netherlands.

The necessity of protecting these compensation assets paid over the preceding decades is becoming increasingly important as the population of survivors is aging and suffering increased medical problems. This is particularly true in light of the fact that, for many victims, the costs of aging in American society are of great concern. Of the victims of persecution who are living in the United States and are recipients of compensation, many will, at some point, find themselves in an assisted-living situation or nursing facility. The ever-increasing costs of long-term care, whether in one's own home or in a nursing facility, can erode an individual's assets.

In summary, with proper planning, victims of Nazi persecution who receive compensation can keep those funds free from Medicaid claims. Creating a Victims of Nazi Persecution Compensation Trust protects those funds during one's lifetime as well as ensuring that the same funds are distributed as the recipient intended after his or her demise.

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