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Attainment Program)

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## THE LIFE CARE PLANNING PROCESS

Attorneys and claims personnel often ask for further information regarding the process of developing a life care plan for litigation support or for establishing adequate reserves.

A life care plan is a flexible projection of all reasonably anticipated long-term medical and related services and costs.

The life care plan gives estimates for services and costs related to all physician and non-physician related evaluations, treatment and therapy. It also addresses other factors, including wheelchair/mobility needs, accessories and maintenance, and vehicle modifications. Orthopedic equipment, orthotics/prostheses, aids for independent function, medications, and supply needs are included. The plan also assesses the need and cost of attendant/facility care and home modification. A vocational rehabilitation evaluation may also be included.

Life care plans are commonly prepared for infants, children, and adults. They are often very helpful in catastrophic cases with complicated current and future medical and related needs. They are useful where attendant care is an issue.

While creating a blueprint for the long-term needs and costs of the individual with a disability, the life care plan also provides the means for disputing parties to settle cases themselves or with the assistance of a judge or jury. Among other things, a life care plan is particularly helpful in obtaining approval for a Medicare Set Aside.

For additional information regarding our life care planning services, please call Eugene Van de Bittner, Ph.D., CRC, CLCP, Susan Van de Bittner, Ph.D., RN, CLCP, or Maria Toyofuku, M.S., CRC, CLCP at (925) 296-0300.