



## November 2021 Newsletter from R. F. Meyer & Associates Attorneys at Law



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### Social Security checks set for healthy 5.9 percent increase in January

On the good news/bad news front: Social Security recipients will get a healthy increase in monthly payments in January, but that's because the cost of living is up, due to inflation related to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic.

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### In 2022, Social Security Beneficiaries Will See the Biggest Increase in 39 Years

Rising inflation due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic means that in 2022, Social Security benefits will go up 5.9 percent, the sharpest upsurge since 1983.

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### Better Than No Loaf: Medicaid Planning Using "Half a Loaf" Strategies

While it is preferable to conduct long-term care planning well in advance of needing care, if you haven't planned ahead, there are some strategies available to avoid spending all your assets.

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### Hiring a Caregiver: Should You Employ One Yourself or Go Through an Agency?

Many families will eventually have to hire a caregiver to look after an aging relative. There are two main ways to hire someone: directly or through a home health agency.

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### COVID Vaccination Information Added to Medicare's Nursing Home Compare Site

Individuals who are researching nursing homes can now see staff and resident vaccination rates along with other quality and safety measure information at Medicare's Nursing Home Compare website.

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