

# Medicaid FAQ

## THE MEDICAID HALF & HALF STRATEGY



"My mother is in a nursing home and needs to qualify for Medicaid in order to continue her care there. Will she have to lose all of her assets in order to qualify for Medicaid?"



**No, you can protect a portion of her assets and still qualify for Medicaid. However, planning is key!**

Let's look at this example in which an individual has:



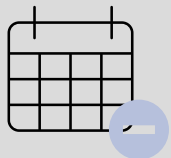
\$100,000  
Total Countable Resources



\$7,000  
Cost of Care



\$2,000  
Monthly Income



\$5,000  
Monthly Shortfall  
(Cost of Care-Monthly Income)

### No Planning

The individual uses up all of their Countable Resources to cover the monthly shortfall until the Countable Resources have been exhausted.

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Number of months it takes to establish Medicaid eligibility

\$0

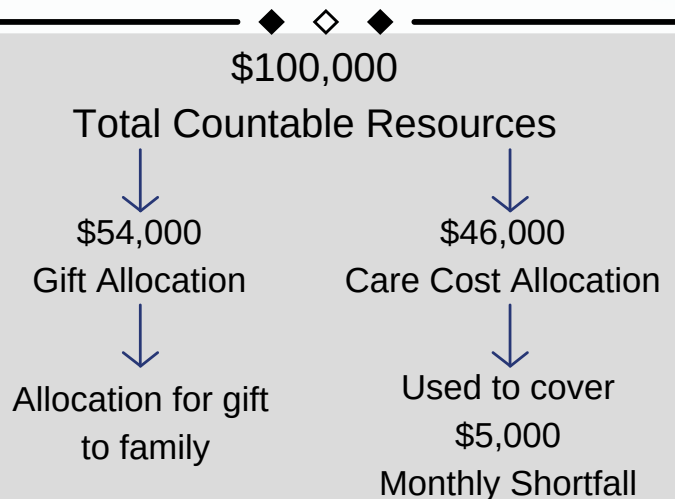
Assets protected

### Planning

The individual plans for the use of their Countable Resources by allocating amounts for gifts and for the cost of care.

#### BENEFITS:

- Accelerates Medicaid eligibility; establishes Medicaid eligibility before all assets are spent.
- Protects a portion of assets.
- Minimal estate recovery from annuity or promissory note.



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Number of months it takes to establish Medicaid eligibility

\$54,000

Assets protected



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