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following more than twenty years of local and national advocacy for seniors, baby boomers and their families.

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... a team which includes eleven attorneys at four locations on Long Island. Establishing a strong relationship with clients is a trademark of the law firm.

Their genuine concern is demonstrated by commitment and ongoing involvement in community-sponsored programs and events.

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*"We promise to be your family lawyer,  
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We promise to be your lawyer for life."*

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# MEDICAID HOME CARE

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Attorney Advertisement



When a loved one needs long term care, New York offers home care as part of the Medicaid program. Most families prefer to keep loved ones home for as long as possible.

At Vincent J. Russo & Associates, P.C., we are prepared to work with you and with the local Medicaid agency to obtain Medicaid eligibility and the greatest number of home care hours for your loved one.

Home care hours can vary widely depending on the needs of the person, and the household makeup. The need of the person can range from 2 or 3 hours a day to a sleep-in aide who is there full time. Medicaid makes the determination of hours, but we can present medical and personal information to the local Medicaid agency to maximize the hours.

We can help you keep your family together.

## MEDICAID HOME CARE APPLICATION

A simplified application process is used.

Current finances are provided.

You do not need 3 years of financial records.

There is no sixty month look back period.

The simplified application refers to the process not to the application form itself.

The 16 page application form must be used.

Questions regarding previous gifts and transfers must be answered, but they will have no effect on home care eligibility.

## PRIOR GIFTS

There is no Medicaid transfer penalty for gifts when applying for home care.

All transfers must be listed, but no transfer penalties are assessed.

## SERVICES PROVIDED

Personal care aides provide most home care services. These services can include bathing, toileting, grooming, feeding, dressing and transferring to or from a bed or chair. These are referred to as hands on services.

A personal care aide may also provide chore services, which can include housekeeping, laundry, meal preparation and shopping.

Personal care aides are not authorized to give medications or take temperature or blood pressure.

Home care application entitles you to more than home care, such as hospital care, doctor visits and all related services (except nursing home care) are included.

## LONG TERM HOME HEALTH CARE PROGRAM (LTHHC)

LTHHC (sometimes referred to as the "Lombardi Program") services are an alternative for nursing home care, and require only a home care application.

## SPOUSAL REFUSAL

Spousal refusal can be used with a home care application.

## INCOME & RESOURCE LIMITS

There are income and resource limits for home care. They are adjusted annually. Medicaid planning can help reduce excess income and/or resources in order to be Medicaid eligible and to maximize monthly income.

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