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Essential Financial and Estate Planning for People With ALS

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Goals for today

Mutual agreement that financial and estate planning are critical for everyone

Highlight resources to help you following our time here today
Overview

Financial Considerations

Financial Planning
Estate Planning
Other Financial Resources
Financial Planning
Creating/updating a financial plan
A financial plan reflects your life

1. Your needs and goals
2. Analysis
3. Recommendations
4. Periodic review
Developing your financial plan

Net worth
- Assets
- Liabilities
- Titling

Current position
- Asset Allocation
- Cash Flows
- Estate Plan

Alternative plan
- Additional Strategies
- Alternative Estate
- Comparison
The Planning Process

In-depth discussions with an advisor.

The advisor drafts the plan, possibly with multiple scenarios.

You and the advisor must agree on the path moving ahead.

Strategies are implemented to enact the planning.

Periodic reviews and updates for changes in life are critical to success!

It should be an ongoing process instead of a one-time event.
Segmenting your Assets

Think about wealth along three segments

**Liquidity**
The next 3 years
Assets and Income that will be used over 2-5 years.
Highly liquid, easy to access.
Likely cash and cash alternatives.

**Longevity**
4 years – lifetime
Assets needed for life expectancy.
Invested for long-term.

**Legacy**
Now – beyond your lifetime
Excess assets not needed for life expectancy.
Can be used for charity during life or left as a legacy.
Financial References
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The basics

Introduction to Estate Planning
Estate Planning

What is it?

• Estate planning involves more than simply preparing for the inevitable. It involves,
  • Outlining goals and objectives
  • Organizing your financial affairs
  • Ensuring you will be cared for appropriately
  • Planning the distribution of your estate and
  • Communicating your intentions
Estate Planning

Why it’s important

- Proper estate planning helps you during life AND at death
- Reduces some of the burdens on caregivers, family members, etc.
- Allows you to make decisions ahead of time
  - Instead of relying on family members under stress, state laws or a court of law
- It can be an emotional process but it provides peace of mind and clarity
- The time and money spent on creating or revising your estate planning is well spent!
Estate planning documents—What should you have in place?

A single person and/or a married couple may execute the following as part of a basic estate plan:

- Revocable living trust; and or
- A will
- Durable power of attorney for asset management
- Advanced health care directive or health care power of attorney
- HIPAA Authorization
- Declaration of guardian in the event of incapacity
- Declaration of guardian for minor children (in the event of the parents’ death or incapacity)

Elder Law and Special Needs Law attorney may be warranted. Visit National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys [www.naela.org/findlawyer](http://www.naela.org/findlawyer)

Because of the complexities involved with developing tax planning strategies, experienced legal and tax counsel should be consulted before implementing a strategy. Today’s topic is educational and is not intended to be legal or tax advice.
Estate planning-Choice of legal forms: will vs. revocable trust

An estate plan is generally created in one of two ways, either through a will, or through a revocable trust.

- A **will** is a document that only takes effect at death, and governs property that is in the name of the deceased person, other than property passing pursuant to a beneficiary designation. In order to be given legal effect at death, a will must be approved by the court that has jurisdiction of the decedent's estate. This process, known as "probate," can be simple and relatively inexpensive, or can be costly and time-consuming, depending upon the specific circumstances of the estate.

- A **revocable trust**, also known as a “living trust,” is a document that takes effect when it is executed, and it controls the disposition of property held within it both during the life of, and at the death of, the person who created it. Property that is held within a revocable trust at death is not subject to probate.

### The Will
- Simpler and less expensive to establish.
- No need to transfer title to assets during life.
- May be necessary anyway unless all assets have been transferred to revocable trust during life, or if assets are complex.

### Revocable Trust
- Avoids delay and expense incident to probate, so long as all assets are held within the trust at death.
- Protects beneficiaries who need assets immediately at death, for example, children of divorced or widowed parents.
- Can protect trust creators from their own disability or incompetence.
- More private than a will.
Insurance

Types of Insurance You May Encounter
Types of Insurance

Healthcare

To cover services from doctors, hospitals, Rx, diagnostic tests, etc.

- Employer provided, including COBRA
- Affordable Care Act, government exchange
- Veterans Administration (VA)
- Medicare
  - Coordinated with Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) eligibility
- [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) (search for “ALS” or “disability”)
- Medicaid
Types of Insurance

Long-term Care

To help pay for care when Activities of Daily Living (ADL) cannot be performed (e.g., bathing or dressing oneself)

- Policy benefits vary greatly
- If you have a Long-term Care policy ask your advisor &/or insurance agent to help you understand the policy and the services that the insurance carrier may provide
- Not everyone owns a policy
Types of Insurance

Disability income

To provide income when one can no longer work due to a disabling illness or accident
  • Employer policy
  • Individually purchased policy
  • Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) administered by Social Security Administration.
  • ALS is listed on their Compassionate Allowances Conditions (CAL) list reducing the time for eligibility
  • www.ssa.gov/disability
  • If you have a disability policy ask your advisor &/or insurance agent to help you understand the policy benefits and other key provisions
Types of Insurance

Life insurance

To provide a death benefit when the insured passes away. Other policy benefits may be available and vary greatly.

• Temporary (term) and permanent are two main types
  • Term policies (10 Year Term, 20 Year Term, etc.) may provide Option to Renew &/or Option to Convert without evidence of insurability

• Permanent comes in many forms. Common permanent types are Whole Life and Universal Life.
  • Permanent life insurance may have a cash value that can be considered as part of your planning

• For all policies ask about key provisions and living benefits, especially,
  • Waiver of Premium
  • Accelerated Benefits
  • Loans from Cash Value (permanent insurance)
Types of Insurance

Life insurance (cont.)

To provide a death benefit when the insured passes away. Other policy benefits may be available and vary greatly.

- If explored, a Viatical Settlement Contract should be considered very carefully. Check with your state insurance commissioner regarding this practice.
- If you have a life insurance policy ask your advisor &/or insurance agent to help you understand the policy benefits and other key provisions. Provisions can vary state to state.
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- "Planning & Making Decisions"
  - Employer considerations (workplace benefits)
  - Types of corporate retirement plans
  - Social Security, Long Term Care Insurance, etc.
  - Financial & Legal Issues including types of attorneys for estate planning

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- "Understanding Insurance & Benefits When You Have ALS"
  - Questions to ask your health insurance provider
  - Veteran's benefits
  - Social Security Disability Insurance
  - Disability insurance through an employer
  - Medicare, "Medigap" (supplemental) and Medicaid

Wrap up

Hopefully the importance of financial and estate planning is shared by all.

Having a team of effective financial advisors, estate or elder care attorneys, accountants, insurance, and other financial experts can be an effective strategy.

Nonprofit groups like the ALS Association provide many services and resources. Contact your Care Service Coordinator (Regional Program Manager in FL only) for additional assistance.
Contact

For questions not addressed today or for additional information on a topic, send me an email or give me a call.

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