

## MassNAELA Honors Elder Law Month by Advocating State Legislation Granting Financial Assistance for In-Home Care

BOSTON – May 17, 2022 – The Massachusetts Chapter of the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (MassNAELA) celebrates May as Elder Law Month by working to empower residents of the Commonwealth to receive care in their home as they age.

Many Massachusetts residents are forced to leave their home to receive care, because they do not have the resources to pay for private home care and cover their monthly living expenses. In an effort to help these residents, MassNAELA is advocating for Senate Bill S.748 and Senate Budget Amendment 534. These identical pieces of legislation would make MassHealth community-based care more accessible and allow more seniors to remain in their homes receiving care.

MassNAELA urges all Massachusetts residents to contact their State Senator and encourage them to support this legislation. To find out who your State Senator is, visit: <a href="https://malegislature.gov/search/findmylegislator">https://malegislature.gov/search/findmylegislator</a> or <a href="https://www.sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema/bal/MyElectionInfo.aspx">https://www.sec.state.ma.us/wheredoivotema/bal/MyElectionInfo.aspx</a> )

In addition to these advocacy efforts, MassNAELA and the Massachusetts Bar Association have created the Elder Resource Guide, which can be found on the MassNAELA website: https://massnaela.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022 elder law education guide.pdf.

MassNAELA members across the Commonwealth are partnering with local Councils on Aging to build the public's awareness about their legal rights as they age through public presentations on issues in the Resource Guide.

## **About MassNAELA**

The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA), the premier organization of elder and special needs law attorneys in the country, is dedicated to developing awareness of issues concerning the elderly and those with special needs. Over 400 attorneys are members of the Massachusetts Chapter. Members work directly with the elderly and those with special needs in areas as diverse as planning for catastrophic care costs, disability planning, age discrimination in employment and housing, benefits planning, estate planning, veterans' benefits and more.

For more information about MassNAELA, visit www.massnaela.com.

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