



## **Introducing the iPug™ Trust for Asset Protection.**

There is a new tool in the Elder Law attorney's toolbox- it's called the iPug Trust. It is a legally acceptable, Medicaid compliant, trust that can be used to hold assets and allow eligibility for the Medicaid or VA benefits available to help pay for long-term care (aka nursing home) or assisted living costs.

Not to get too technical, but "iPug" stands for "Irrevocable Pure Grantor Trust". The iPug uses some components of the traditional Revocable Living Trust and some components of the traditional Irrevocable Trust.

Traditional irrevocable trusts have been typically used for federal estate tax planning purposes and when federal estate taxes were imposed on much smaller estates than they are imposed today. Irrevocable trusts are incredibly onerous and complicated, and force the asset owner to surrender control over those assets placed in the trust. These traditional irrevocable trusts are no longer popular because now federal estate taxes only apply to less than 1% of all estates.

A traditional revocable living trust allows the Grantor to retain full control over the assets placed in trust. A primary goal of the revocable living trust is avoidance of probate.

The iPug's is designed to protect your assets from the costs of a nursing home and creditors without restrictions typically in place when using the Irrevocable Trust. The grantor is not forced to surrender all control and access to the assets placed within. In contrast to traditional irrevocable trusts, with the iPug you still maintain the ability to: be the trustee; continue to receive all income generated; choose and change the asset/investment mix; direct the sale of your home and the purchase of another within the trust; avoid probate upon death; determine (and change at any time) your death beneficiaries; distribute assets to family members during your lifetime (e.g. help with education costs).

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As you can see the iPug has great flexibility and can meet a wide range of estate planning goals. Using the iPug in your estate plan means you get to enjoy the fruits of your labor while protecting them from the costs of nursing home care and the loss to potential creditors (e.g. lawsuits).

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