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A Ringler Associates exclusive:

# **Protect Medicare's Interests: 10 Pitfalls** You Must Avoid, Or Else...

Anyone involved in settling a workers' compensation or liability case with future medicals knows they must "protect Medicare's interests." What should follow is the phrase "Or else," because failing this directive can lead to lost benefits, stiff penalties and hefty fines. And everyone at the settlement table is on the hook: plaintiff, insurer, legal counsel and even the defendant. So in your interest, start with a Medicare Set-Aside (MSA) and heed these 10 pitfalls to keep CMS investigators from knocking at your door. Continue reading...

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A significant challenge for many contingent-fee attorneys is managing the income peaks and valleys typical to this type of practice. By structuring fees from a settlement, the attorney can create a guaranteed stream of future income to cover anything from monthly office expenses to retirement benefits. And while these payments are not tax free like a client's structure, taxes are deferred until payments are received. There are also no restrictions on the amount of fee income you can structure. Click below for more information, or give me a call and let's talk about this exclusive opportunity. Continue reading...



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## **Parents Leverage Small Settlement**

Situation: Jimmy, your typical 9-year-old daredevil, tried jumping three rungs at once on the monkey bars behind his apartment. Fortunately he made it, but unfortunately maintenance was lax and a rusted-through steel rung snapped. **Needs:** Options for a \$50,000 settlement that match the vision Jimmy's parents have for his future.

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