Special Needs Trust Decision Tree Analysis

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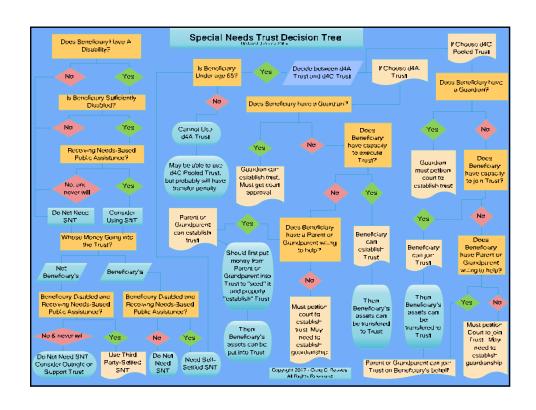
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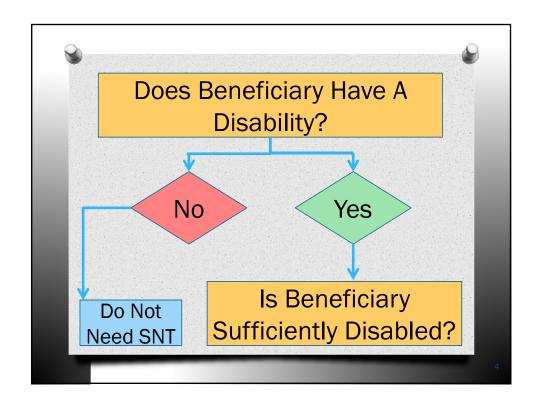
When should an attorney consider using a special needs trust?

If it is decided that a beneficiary needs a special needs trust, what are the options and which type is best for the beneficiary?

Today we will walk through the analysis required to answer these questions.

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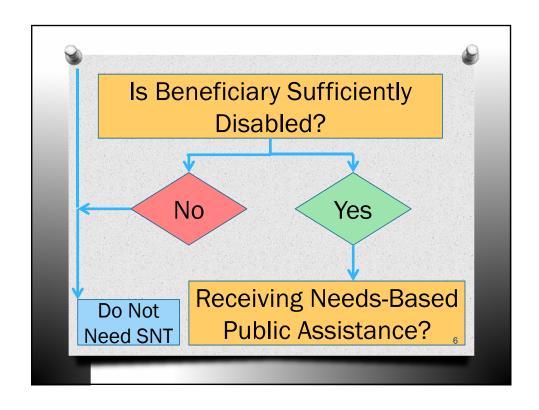


WHAT IS "SUFFICIENTLY DISABLED"?

Usually SSI definition is used:

"Unable to engage in any <u>substantial gainful</u> <u>activity</u> by reason of any <u>medically</u> <u>determinable physical or mental impairment</u> which can be expected to result in <u>death</u> or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a <u>continuous</u> period of not less than <u>twelve months</u>."

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