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To our valued Local 1776KS clients:

We continue to appreciate all your hard work and dedication to the community-at-large during these difficult times. As your legal services plan provider, we are writing to encourage you to take advantage of your legal benefits. Our office continues to work remotely and remains fully staffed. In the past, our inability to meet in-person may have prevented you from utilizing certain legal benefits, especially estate planning documents such as Wills, Living Wills, and General Durable Powers of Attorney. However, the changes to the legal landscape during these unprecedented times has made it easier and more efficient to prepare and execute these documents remotely.

For example, the Pennsylvania Department of State announced last week that it will temporarily suspend the statute which requires the physical presence of notaries for all notarial acts relating to a statement or signature on a record. This amendment is the byproduct of social distancing and stay-at-home orders that are currently in place. This creates an opportunity for our attorneys and staff to consult with you, draft your important estate planning documents, and execute the same without the inconvenience or necessity for you to meet in our offices. To facilitate remote consulting, our office has the capability to meet and confer with you through any number of commonly-used applications, including Zoom, FaceTime, and Skype. If you would like to discuss and/or open an estate planning file, please contact our office at your earliest convenience. The Department of State has not indicated how long the temporary suspension will be in effect, and we anticipate that a number of members will want to take advantage of this rare opportunity.

We continue to monitor all laws that may impact your daily lives and welcome any inquiries. We remain committed to successfully navigating these difficult times so that we can get through this together!

Best regards,

McEldrew Young, Attorneys-at-Law