

Changes to Attendant Care Benefits

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Announcer: And now the Cohen Highley Legal Moment on FM96. I'm here with Vicki Edgar, a Partner at Cohen Highley lawyers. Vicki, I understand there have been changes that affect people injured in motor vehicle accidents regarding attendant care.

Vicki: Yes, individuals who have been catastrophically injured in a motor vehicle accident can get up to \$6,000 per month, and individuals who have not been catastrophically injured but still require medical care can get up to \$3,000 per month. But that doesn't go very far for people requiring constant medical care.

Announcer: Okay.

Vicki: And until recently, individuals catastrophically injured in motor vehicle accidents had the option of paying a family member for care, and being reimbursed.

Announcer: But now...

Vicki: Now the injured party can only be reimbursed for a family member's services if that family member loses income from a job, or incurs expenses associated with providing that care.

Announcer: So?

Vicki: Well now to get family members compensated, they have to clearly document expenses associated with care. This can be child care expenses, fuel costs, pretty much anything that's incurred in the efforts to provide medical care needs.

Announcer: Thanks Vicki. This has been the Cohen Highley Legal Moment.

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