UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF MEDICAID TRUSTS





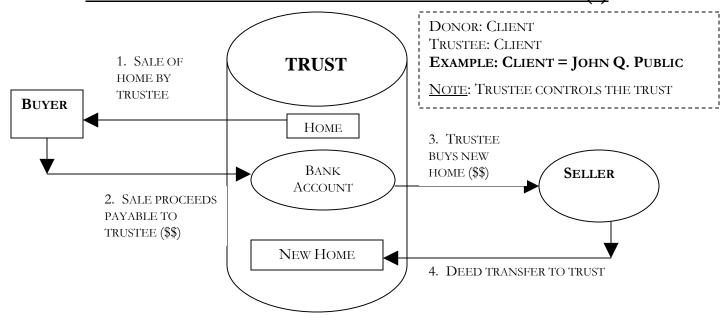
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IRREVOCABLE MEDICAID INCOME ONLY TRUST FUNDED WITH ONLY THE PRIMARY RESIDENCE AND ABILITY TO SELL THE SAME (I)



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IMPACT ON THE 60-MONTH LOOKBACK PERIOD:

• **No Impact**: This transaction does not start a new waiting period nor does it affect an existing period already running prior to the sale.

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HOW TO OPEN AND TITLE A TRUST BANK ACCOUNT:

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INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES OF SALE:

<u>Grantor Trust</u>: **No adverse income tax consequences,** as a grantor trust allows the client to retain his/her capital gains tax exclusions associated with the sale of the primary residence.

<u>Capital Gains Exclusions</u>: If the resulting gain does not exceed the exemptions below, there would be no tax liability.

- If married on the date of sale, client gets a \$500,000 capital gain exclusion.
- If single on the date of sale, client gets a \$250,000 capital gain exclusion.

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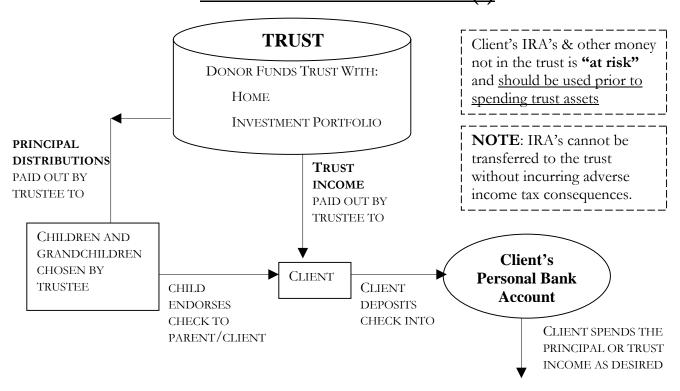
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IRREVOCABLE MEDICAID INCOME ONLY TRUST FUNDED WITH A HOME AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS (I)



DEFINITIONS:

<u>Donor</u> =Client

<u>Trustee</u> =Client (<u>Note</u>: Trustee controls the trust.)

EXAMPLE: CLIENT = JOHN Q. PUBLIC

Trust Income: Interest and dividends

Trust Principal: Home and value of investment portfolio and related capital gains

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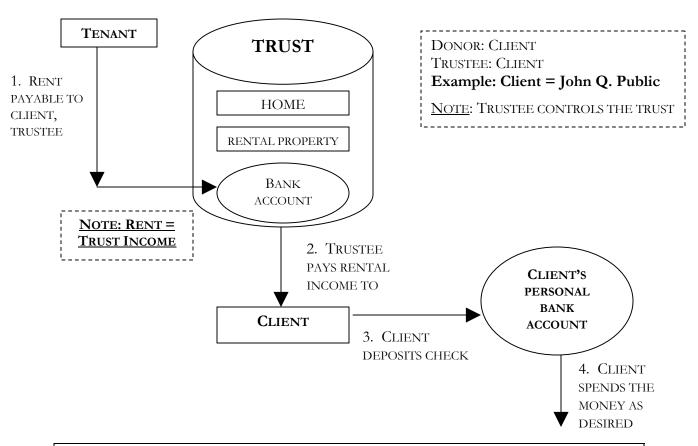
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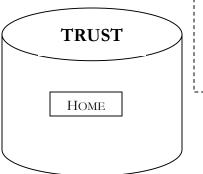
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IMPACT OF TRUST ON INCOME TAX FILINGS:

• **NONE:** No separate income tax return for the trust is required as the trust does not have any income.

TRUST BANK ACCOUNT NOT NEEDED:

No separate bank accounts need to be opened, as all accounts and related investment activity shall remain in the client's name.

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