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– Thomas F. Coleman, Legal Director

“Editorial: Lawmakers can’t afford NOT to fix guardianship system.” In cash-strapped New Mexico, there really is no such thing as a “small price to pay.” There is legitimate competition for every dollar the state spends. --- abqjournal.com, December 17 (New Mexico) https://is.gd/lKNeTT

“Guardianship Reform on Tap in the North Carolina Legislature.” Adults with disabilities are leading longer lives thanks to advances in medicine and technology and where once people with disabilities died young, now a good number will likely outlive their parents. But many of those parents have been the guardians for their children, providing guidance, security and steering their every move. --- northcarolinahealthnews.org, December 17 (North Carolina) https://is.gd/Ug2LzY

“The price to pay to fix NM’s beleaguered guardianship system.” Infusing New Mexico’s beleaguered guardianship system with more accountability and oversight could cost just under $1 million, with most of the money paying for computer software to spot suspicious spending in reports filed by court-appointed conservators and guardians. --- abqjournal.com, December 10 (New Mexico) https://is.gd/JHKHx4

“Advocates Promote Guardianship Alternatives for Adults With Disabilities.” Janie Desmond was nervous the first time she boarded a train in Durham headed for Greensboro. From her wheelchair, the train seemed big, loud and unfamiliar. --- northcarolinahealthnews.org, December 10 (North Carolina) https://is.gd/Y5rJwz

“Metro Detroit adults under court guardianship put in unlicensed group homes.”
As part of our year-long investigation into Michigan’s probate courts, the 7 Investigators have uncovered an alarming practice: court appointed guardians putting the people they’re supposed to be caring for into unlicensed group homes. --- wxyz.com, December 6 (Michigan) https://is.gd/gafKrB