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Outcome: Personal Safety	Outcome: Financial Safety	Outcome: Healthy Living / Aging
Services/Interventions:	Services/Interventions:	Services/Interventions:
 Monthly case manager visits Arrange transportation Install safe navigation aids (ramps and safety bars) Coordinate homecare and healthcare (nurse and doctor visits, medication, medical equipment, food/nutrition) Purchase food, toiletries, supplies, clothing Exterminations, deep cleanings, hoarding clean-outs, and repairs Advocate for renters – landlord/tenant issues, address violations, pay back rent Homelessness / eviction prevention Ensure home appliances and furniture in good working condition: bed, mattress, heating, boilers, kitchen equipment, fans, air conditioning, etc. Prevent and eliminate emotional / physical / sexual abuse Seek orders of protection and temporary restraining orders Emergency moves to safer environment Arrange for home / cellphone / internet access 	 Reconcile monthly bank statements Pay bills and prepare budgets for daily living and monthly expenses Arrange and deliver personal allowance Marshal and safeguard assets, income and investments Secure all benefits and entitlements Negotiate major debts File personal and/or property taxes, pay tax liens Prevent and investigate financial exploitation and fraud Reverse mortgage strategies Protect personal property Medicaid planning File motions to obtain property powers, if necessary For Property-Owning Clients: Property maintenance, major repairs Purchase property insurance Act as landlord (single / multiple dwellings) - manage rental units, tenants, collect arrears Evict tenants / remove squatters Pay utilities and property taxes Oversee property sales Avoid foreclosure Analyze reverse mortgage liens (red-flags of elder fraud) 	 Oversee homecare and medical care, manage medication Make major medical decisions and prevent painful and unnecessary procedures and surgeries Nutritional planning Secure all public benefits and entitlements Medicare/Medicaid enrollment Encourage and arrange for substance abuse and mental health therapy and counseling Advocate for physical, occupational and speech therapy Encourage socialization and participation in community day programs and senior centers Ensure adequate care is provided in nursing homes and institutions Motion to expand guardian of person powers, if necessary



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Outcome: Autonomy	Outcome: Least Restrictive Setting	Outcome: Dying with Dignity
Services/Interventions:	Services/Interventions:	Services/Interventions:
 Secure access to appropriate housing (apartment, home or assisted living) Maximize income and benefits Coordinate client control of finances and choice of health care providers when appropriate Petition for reduction of guardianship powers, if appropriate Employment readiness and preparation: coordinate life skills and vocational training Reduce isolation (home care, day programs, senior centers, social programs, family and friends) Arrange for home / cellphone / internet access Manage pet ownership and adequate care Coordinate travel / vacations / day trips Identify client's unique needs and preferences, and provide when possible Seek language-appropriate services providers (home health aides, doctors, senior centers) 	 Discharge planning from nursing homes and hospitals to homes, apartments and assisted living facilities Maintain financial security, budgets, bill-paying, housing and benefits to support client preference for living arrangements Secure and coordinate homecare and medical care Analyze Reverse Mortgage options to keep client in their home Negotiate and pay household debt (Con Edison, etc.) Maximize opportunities for socialization in the community Explore language-appropriate facilities and services, as per language and cultural background Seek services to keep client in least restrictive setting (e.g. Meals-On-Wheels) Petition for Fair Hearings to address benefit approvals/denials: Medicaid, homecare, SNAP, Section 8 housing, SCRIE/DRIE 	 Discuss advance directives and client wishes for medical treatments, end-of-life care and funeral plans in advance Arrange for pre-paid funeral and burial in line with cultural and religious values Oversee and manage client's medical conditions and treatment – at home, and in nursing homes and hospitals 24/7 TGP emergency phone line and client record access Arrange for hospice care in home or facility Review end-of-life wishes with family or friends, if necessary Make end-of-life decisions for the seriously ill (per the Family Health Care Decisions Act / FHCDA) Facilitate communication among various medical and ethical care providers for end-of-life care For the deceased - family notification, funeral and burial plans, religious observance Locate and execute last will and testament Obtain death certificate Arrange for funeral clothes when required

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