

Paying Medical Expenses is a Great Tax Strategy

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When you **pay medical expenses directly** to a medical provider for someone else, the gift of medical care is not counted toward your annual gifts or your lifetime gifts. As we've discussed in this blog previously, each person can give another person up to \$13,000.00 a year outright without incurring a gift tax for the donor.

Help Others and Save Taxes

This means you can pay for a friend's hospice care or pay for your grandson's wisdom teeth removal and it will not count toward your annual or lifetime gift limits. There is no requirement that the beneficiary has to be a family member or even someone the donor knows.

A donor can provide medical care to anyone as long payments are made directly to the medical provider. This law allows a donor to give and to lower the value of his/her taxable estate without adding to possible gift tax consequences. Most importantly it allows people to provide perhaps the greatest gift of all: the gift of health.

Getting Legal Help

Smart strategies for giving are part of a good estate plan. Experienced California Estate Planning Attorney Shannon Howell knows what you need to include in your estate to protect your assets and your loved ones. Contact us today at **(619)-739-4657** **begin_of_the_skype_highlighting** **(619)-739-4657** **end_of_the_skype_highlighting**.
