



A Division of the New York Legal Assistance Group

LegalHealth

Professional Partnership to Promote Well Being[®]

Since 2001, LegalHealth has partnered with medical professionals to address the nonmedical needs of low-income people with serious health problems. LegalHealth complements health care with legal care — providing free legal services in medical facilities and training healthcare professionals to understand the legal issues their patients face. LegalHealth extends its mission nationally by providing technical assistance to bring medical and legal partners together.

HARLEM HOSPITAL

Clinic Location

Ronald Brown Pavilion
137th Street between Lenox Ave. and 5th Ave.
4th Floor, Yellow Waiting area
New York

Clinic Schedule

Wednesdays
9:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Key Departments Served

All departments

Appointments

Lisa Wilson, CSW
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LegalHealth at Harlem Hospital

Every week attorneys bring the law office into the hospital, providing advice and representation to help patients:

- Secure government benefits
- Fix housing problems
- Address credit issues
- Handle immigration issues
- Plan ahead (e.g. wills, health care proxy, power of attorney and guardianship)
- Access special education services
- Solve insurance disputes
- Negotiate workplace accommodations

Patient Stories

Juan M

Juan M, a Spanish-speaking Lawful Permanent Resident, sustained brain injuries when he was the victim of an attempted murder. His application to be exempted for medical reasons from the civics exam for his naturalization was denied. The LegalHealth attorney resubmitted the application and attended the client's interview with him where she argued that his brain injuries prevent him from learning. USCIS approved the waiver and Juan was subsequently sworn in as a US citizen. His LegalHealth attorney also assisted him in applying for Supplemental Security Income and Juan is now receiving \$785 in monthly benefits.

Ms. A

Ms. A is a 79-year-old woman with two adult children, both of whom have severe mental/physical disabilities. She was referred to LegalHealth when their Public Assistance was cut off. LegalHealth appealed the discontinuance and successfully represented the client at the hearing. Her PA was reinstated and she received a retroactive award of benefits. LegalHealth is also pursuing whether the client is entitled to receive a pension she paid into Jamaica now that she is living in the US. Lastly, LegalHealth is helping the client with advance planning for her two disabled adult children.

Contact LegalHealth

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