



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.

NORTH CENTRAL BRONX HOSPITAL

Clinic Location 14A-04
3424 Kossuth Avenue
Bronx

Clinic Schedule Mondays
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Appointments Appointments arranged through patient's social worker

LegalHealth at North Central Bronx 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

Barsuto

Barsuto is a 53-year-old man with kidney failure who overstayed his visitor's visa. His kidneys failed and he was admitted to the hospital for dialysis on emergency Medicaid. His social worker referred him to LegalHealth for assistance with immigration matters. LegalHealth advised Barsuto that there was no basis to adjust his status, but discussed the possibility of filing "deferred action" as an alternative. Barsuto agreed to take this unusual form of temporary relief and LegalHealth filed a deferred action request for him in the spring 2010. As a result, 6 months later, he was considered PRUCOL and his case was converted to full Medicaid. He was subsequently discharged and able to receive out-patient dialysis.

Sophie

Sophie is a 62-year-old woman with heart disease and who is also bi-polar. She was without health insurance for many months because her Social Security Disability payments of \$924 per month made her over income for Medicaid. She was referred by her social worker to LegalHealth for assistance. LegalHealth assisted Sophie apply for Medicaid with a spend down and prepared an advocacy letter to present with her application. Sophie now has Medicaid and continues her regular treatments. Sophie returned to LegalHealth after her son moved out and she became behind in her rent. Her LegalHealth attorney helped her apply for a Senior Citizens Rent Increase exemption so she could afford her rent going forward.

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