



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 non medical 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.

BELLEVUE HOSPITAL

Clinic Location

Ambulatory Care

462 First Avenue
Ambulatory Care Pavilion
Area E, 4th Floor
Manhattan

Cancer Center

462 First Avenue
Mezzanine - Ambulatory Care
Pavilion
Manhattan

Clinic Schedule

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

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

Key Departments Served (referrals / training)

All Medical Departments

Cancer Center
Palliative Care
Inpatient

Appointments

212-562-5555
Appointment Call Center

212-562-1123
Jessica Schindewolf

LegalHealth at Bellevue 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

Sana

Sana, a refugee from Togo, is under the care of Bellevue Hospital's Survivors of Torture Program, which referred her to LegalHealth for assistance in applying for lawful permanent resident status. Her LegalHealth attorney helped her understand and complete all the required paperwork, and correctly submit the completed application. Sana was granted permanent resident status just before the New Year, and she will be eligible for citizenship in five years. As soon as Sana won her own case, the LegalHealth attorney helped her sponsor her husband and two children to become lawful permanent residents, as well.

Alan

Alan began radiation treatments for a tumor – a devastating turn for him, his wife, and their two-year-old son. When not in the hospital, Alan was exhausted and sick from treatments. His employer adjusted Alan's schedule to accommodate his illness, but he was only able to work a day or two per week for a few hours at a time. Bills began to pile up. Alan and his family faced eviction and barely had money for food. With LegalHealth's help, Alan and his family were able to gain access to food stamps and short-term disability, providing them with enough resources to cover their expenses during Alan's treatment. LegalHealth also helped Alan apply for Social Security Disability and, subsequently, to assist him with an appeal after that application was denied. Eventually the family was able to recover several months in back payments to help pay their landlord for the rent owed.

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