



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.

MJHS

Clinic Location Citywide

Clinic Schedule By Appointment

Appointments Ask your social worker for a referral.

LegalHealth at MJHS

Attorneys provide advice and representation throughout New York City to help patients:

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

Patient Story

Ms. P

Ms. P was referred by her hospice social worker in 2013. Since then, LegalHealth has helped her with a number of legal issues. When Ms. P first met with her LegalHealth attorney, her only income was SSDI, and she lived with her adult son who had no income and suffered from mental health disabilities. Ms. P received a rent subsidy called DRIE, which freezes her current rent but she had lost the subsidy in 2009. Ms. P's LegalHealth attorney was able to advocate directly with a person at DRIE to have the subsidy renewed retroactively, reducing her rent to about \$600 per month, which was affordable with SSDI. Without the DRIE, Ms. P would have been forced to move due to the rent increase.

Ms. P was also sued by her landlord for eviction based on non-payment of rent. This was due to the loss of DRIE as well as some major improvements for which she was billed. With DRIE, she is not responsible for these improvements. Ms. P's LegalHealth attorney represented her in housing court, resulting in her being entitled to a substantial rent credit.

Ms. P's LegalHealth attorney has also assisted her in two food stamp hearings to raise her benefit, as well as in applying for MSP when she became Medicare-eligible so that Medicaid pays her \$104.90 Medicare premium. During the course of her representation, Ms. P's son died unexpectedly, and her LegalHealth attorney was also able to assist her in applying for City burial funds.

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