



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.

MOUNT SINAI ST. LUKE'S HOSPITAL CENTER

Clinic Location 440 West 114th Street
Clark 2, Area D/E
Manhattan

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

**Key Departments Served
(referrals/training)** All Departments

Appointments 212-523-4410, Option 1
Ob-GYN Clinic Desk

LegalHealth at Mount Sinai St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center

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

Maria and Jorge

For more than a year, Maria and her 8-year-old son, Jorge, lived in a homeless shelter infested with roaches and mice. Shortly after moving into the shelter, Jorge became asthmatic. He was hospitalized, taken to the emergency room repeatedly and put on numerous medications. Jorge's pediatrician became concerned about the exacerbation of his asthma and referred him to LegalHealth. Maria described a very unhealthy living environment: a small room, little ventilation, dusty old carpet and too much heat. She knew of a much cleaner shelter near her son's doctor but was having difficulty getting a transfer. LegalHealth intervened, collected medical support from the pediatrician and got Maria and her son transferred to this clean, roach- and mice-free shelter a week later.

Nizam

Nizam, a lawful permanent resident, received a diagnosis of rectal cancer at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital. He had no health insurance through his employer and was denied Medicaid because his green card had expired. LegalHealth established that Medicaid had been denied improperly and helped Nizam re-apply successfully. LegalHealth also advised him on his short-term disability rights and on several immigration issues. Medicaid enabled Nizam to receive his cancer treatment at St. Luke's.

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