



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.

MONTEFIORE MEDICAL CENTER

Clinic Locations

Family Care Center

5th Floor
Adult Practice A, Room 15
3444 Kossuth Avenue
Bronx

Comprehensive Family Care Center Adult Medicine & Specialties Unit

2nd floor, Suite 215
1621 Eastchester Road
Bronx

Clinic Schedules

Thursdays
12:30—5:00p.m.

Wednesdays
9:30 am—2:00 pm

Appointments

718-920-2273

718-405-8059 or 8065

Key Departments Served

All Departments

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LegalHealth at Montefiore Medical 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 matters
- Access special education services
- Plan ahead (e.g., will, healthcare proxy, power of attorney and guardianship)
- Solve insurance disputes
- Negotiate workplace accommodations.

Patient Stories

Lawrence

Lawrence's in-patient social worker at Montefiore referred him to the LegalHealth clinic for assistance with immigration and insurance. Lawrence had been hospitalized after a stroke and could not be discharged to a rehabilitation facility because he lacked insurance. The LegalHealth attorney met with him in his room and discovered that he had lost his green card and lacked any proof of his Medicaid eligibility. The attorney quickly applied for a replacement green card, which when received was used for his Medicaid application. Once Medicaid eligible, the hospital was able to discharge him to a rehabilitation facility at its own expense so that he could get the necessary services. Lawrence's Medicaid application was approved retroactively and covered the rehab facility stay and ongoing home care. He has since been discharged and in the words of the client, "I am going home today and am so happy."

Ms. S

Ms. S, a cancer survivor, lived with her partner of 14 years in his rent stabilized apartment. When her partner's health began to deteriorate, his son abruptly moved him out of the apartment and cut off all ties to Ms. S. She continued paying rent, but her landlord would not renew the lease in her name. Her physician referred her to the LegalHealth clinic after she expressed her fears of being homeless after the lease expired. The attorney advised her as to her rights to succession, and that she could cross out her partner's name and insert her own. Additionally, the attorney drafted a letter for Ms. S that explained her right to be added to the lease. Within 3 weeks of mailing the lease renewal and letter to the landlord, Ms. S received a rent statement in her name, as well as a copy of the lease renewal with her named added and signed by the landlord. She feels relieved that she is able to stay in an affordable apartment in a community she knows.

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