



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.

NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS/ GOTHAM HEALTH, GOUVERNEUR

Clinic Location

227 Madison St
Behavioral Health - Rooms 4.159 and 4.170
New York, NY 10002

Clinic Schedule

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Departments Served

All departments

Appointments

Referral by social worker
Or via ActionNYC (800-354-0365)

LegalHealth Services at NYC Health + Hospitals/ Gotham Health, Gouverneur

Every week attorneys and paralegals bring the law office into the hospital, providing free immigration advice and representation to help patients in matters such as:

- Family relative petitions
 - U visas
 - VAWA
 - Asylum
 - Naturalization
 - Green Card applications and renewals
 - Deferred action
 - Temporary Protected Status
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Patient Stories

Lawrence

Lawrence's in-patient social worker 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."

Juan M

Juan M, a Spanish-speaking Lawful Permanent Resident, sustained brain injuries when he was the victim of an attempted murder. His application to be exempted for medical reasons from the civics exam for his naturalization was denied. The LegalHealth attorney resubmitted the application and attended the client's interview with him where she argued that his brain injuries prevent him from learning. USCIS approved the waiver and Juan was subsequently sworn in as a US citizen. His LegalHealth attorney also assisted him in applying for Supplemental Security Income and Juan is now receiving \$785 in monthly benefits.

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