

## Project Services

The AIDS Legal Advocacy Project of Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. provides legal assistance to persons living with HIV/AIDS who cannot afford to hire a private attorney. All legal services are free to eligible clients who have a Ryan White Part A Certified Referral from their case manager.

### Legal Problems Handled by The AIDS Legal Advocacy Project

The AIDS Legal Advocacy Project provides legal assistance to solve problems in the areas listed below. If you have a legal problem that is not listed, contact Mandy Mills, ALAP Coordinator at 305-438-2437 or [MMills@LSGMI.org](mailto:MMills@LSGMI.org), to discuss what to do.

### Employment

- Denial of unemployment compensation benefits.
- Employment discrimination including unfair terminations, unfair promotion policies, or hostile work environment related to HIV diagnosis or status.
- If you need special accommodations in the work place due to your health, ask your case manager to refer you to ALAP to talk to a lawyer about your legal rights.

## Government Benefits

- Denial, reduction or termination of government benefits such as food stamps, temporary cash assistance, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Disability Insurance or Social Security retirement benefits.
- If you are medically improving or are considering a return to work, ask your case manager to refer you to ALAP for a meeting with a lawyer to discuss how this will affect your continued receipt of benefits and future plans.
- Replacement of lost identification and immigration documents necessary to receive government benefits.
- Child support modifications to avoid garnishment of disability benefits.

### Permanency Planning

- Drafting the following: Power of Attorney, Designation of Health Care Surrogate, Living Wills and other Advance Directives.
- Drafting a Last Will and Testament.
- Preparing custody options for legal dependents including guardianship, joint custody or adoption.

## Health Care and Insurance

- Denial or termination of Medicaid or Medicaid-covered services.
- Termination of Medicare coverage due to nonpayment of premiums.
- Seeking, maintaining, and purchasing private insurance, and denials of private insurance coverage due to pre-existing conditions.
- Problems accessing health care providers.
- Problems receiving medical treatment upon release from a correction facility.
- Health care provider improperly disclosed confidential information.
- Medical debt collection.

### Adoption/Guardianship Services

- Issue relating to preparing custody options for legal dependents, including guardianship, joint custody or adoption.



## Eligibility

To be eligible to receive free legal services through ALAP you must give your Ryan White case manager:

- \* medical proof of your HIV status
- \* proof that your household income is within 200% of the federal poverty level, and
- \* proof that you permanently reside in Miami-Dade County.

## Ryan White Part A Referral

Once you provide your case manager with proof you are eligible for services, your case manager will give you a paper copy of a Ryan White Part A Certified Referral to Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. Bring the referral to Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc.

## Mandatory Six Month Eligibility Re-Assessment

Every six months you must provide your Ryan White case manager with proof that you continue to be financially eligible to receive Ryan white services, and that you continue to live in Miami-Dade County. If you do not do this, you will no longer be eligible for free legal services.

**PLEASE NOTE: The AIDS Legal Advocacy Project cannot provide free legal services without a Ryan White Part A Certified Referral and a Six-Month Eligibility Re-Assessment by your case manager.**

## Legal Services of Greater Miami, Inc. Office Locations

Call the office closest to you for information about our office hours, and to arrange to meet with an attorney. If you cannot come to the office due to your health, or otherwise require special arrangements to access our services, please contact Mandy Mills, ALAP Coordinator at 305-438-2437 or at [Mmills@LSGMI.org](mailto:Mmills@LSGMI.org).

### Main Office

3000 Biscayne Boulevard, Suite 500  
Miami, FL 33137  
Telephone: 305-576-0080

### South Dade Law Center

11285 SW 211<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste. 302  
Miami, FL 33189  
Telephone: 305-232-9680

### Miami Worker's Center Neighborhood Office

6127 N.W. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Miami, FL 33127  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month  
4:00 pm-7:00 pm  
Call the Main Office for more  
information



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