Free Legal Help for Patients

St. Peter's Health Partners is partnering with the Legal Aid Society of Northeastern New York and Albany Law School to provide a variety of free legal civil services to low-income patients. St. Peter's Hospital serves as the pilot hospital for this program.

You may qualify for these free services if you:

- Are admitted to St. Peter's Hospital with a serious illness,
- Have low income, and
- Have a legal problem that relates to your health.

Legal services you can receive help for include, but are not limited to:



INCOME

Temporary assistance
Food stamps
Supplemental Security Income
(SSI) and Social Security
Disability Benefits
Bankruptcy
Debt collection
Utility issues



HOUSING

Evictions from private or subsidized housing Foreclosure Substandard housing conditions Landlord/tenant problems Homelessness



HEALTH

Medicaid Long-term care Wills Power of Attorney Health care proxies



EDUCATION/ EMPLOYMENT

Job discrimination
Denial of
unemployment benefits
Special education
School discipline



LEGAL STATUS

Immigration
Family immigration
Naturalization
Relief for battered spouse



PERSONAL AND FAMILY

Custody Standby guardianships Domestic abuse Child support Spousal support

You must have a referral to speak with the legal aid staff attorney at St. Peter's Hospital. For more information, ask a member of your health care team (social worker, nurse, doctor, etc.) or contact the St. Peter's Hospital patient representative at (518) 525-1192.

Important note: Not all patients will be eligible for legal assistance. Excluded issues include all criminal matters, personal injury cases, and worker's compensation cases.





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