

LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS

Legal Programs

LAS provides free legal services to people 60 years of age and older throughout Alameda County. Services are available in 20 different languages and are accessible to persons with disabilities. LAS staff meets with groups for education presentations and individuals for one-on-one assistance and representation. Home visits can be arranged for those who cannot travel.

Please call LAS to see if we can help you. If we cannot, our staff will refer you to someone who can. LAS offers legal services in the following areas:

Income Maintenance

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Social Security
- Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI)

Immigration

- Naturalization, including disability and fee waivers
- Renewal of Green Cards

Elder Abuse

- Restraining orders
- Prevention of physical, emotional and financial abuse

Guardianship of Minors

- Legal guardianship of minor children and related alternatives for clients 50 years of age and over

Health Care

- Medi-Cal • Medicare • Private Insurance

Housing

- Advise and represent senior tenants with housing issues

Annual Elder Abuse Conference

In May of each year LAS hosts an annual conference. The conference is designed to bring together members of those professions who must deal with the effects of physical, emotional and financial abuse of elderly people and who have expressed a desire to work towards elder abuse prevention. This forum has proved valuable in terms of learning, networking, alliance-forging and exchange of best practices. For further information, go to <http://www.lashicap.org> or email conference@lashicap.org.



Ensuring the independence and dignity of seniors by protecting their legal rights through education, counseling, and advocacy

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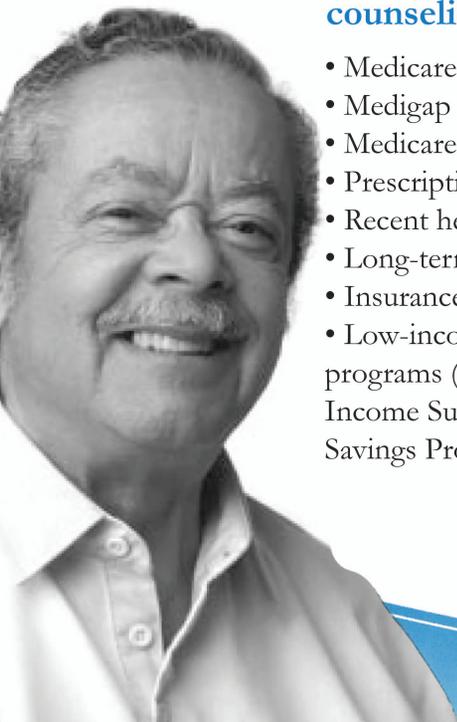


Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP)

LAS is the parent agency for Alameda County's HICAP, a volunteer-based program helping people on Medicare and pre-retirees to navigate the health insurance maze. HICAP helps Medicare beneficiaries of any age make informed choices and provides advocacy when their health care benefits and rights are threatened or denied. Individual appointments and group presentations are available throughout the county.

HICAP provides free and unbiased community education and individual counseling on...

- Medicare
- Medigap Policies
- Medicare Advantage plans
- Prescription drug plans
- Recent health care changes
- Long-term care insurance
- Insurance billing and claims
- Low-income eligibility programs (Medi-Cal, Low Income Subsidy, Medicare Savings Programs)



HICAP also works with...

LAS attorneys and advocates for legal support with Medicare and Medi-Cal issues, including appeals for denied services.



HICAP Disclosure

HICAP counseling services are provided by Counselors registered by the California Department of Aging who are acting in good faith to provide information about health insurance policies and benefits to you, the client. This information shall not be construed to be legal advice, and the volunteer HICAP Counselor is generally not liable for acts and omissions in providing counseling to recipients of this service. (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 9758 (c) Chapter 869, Statutes of 1990). HICAP receives funding from the state and federal governments. It is administered through the Area Agencies on Aging.

Community Education

LAS provides free education presentations to groups throughout Alameda County on important issues that affect older adults. For a list of our community education programs or to schedule a program for your group, call our general number or visit our website. Please let us know if an interpreter is needed when you call to schedule a program.



LOCAL HELP FOR PEOPLE WITH MEDICARE

How to Reach Us

Call for an appointment today at:

1-510-832-3040 (LAS)

1-510-839-0393 (HICAP)

1-800-393-0363 (LAS & HICAP
from South to East County)

1-800-434-0222 (HICAP Statewide)

Reach us by mail at:

333 Hegenberger Road, Suite 850
Oakland, CA 94621

Or on the web at:

www.lashicap.org

How You Can Help

Your generosity will help in our ongoing effort to preserve the well-being and dignity of Alameda County's senior community. LAS is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) charitable organization. All contributions to LAS are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowable by law.

Legal Assistance for Seniors recognizes the Alameda County Area Agency on Aging and the Department of Social Services for sustained program support.

We would also like to acknowledge all of our supporters. For a complete list, please refer to our website at www.lashicap.org.