

Community Legal Resources for the Older Adult with Cancer

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What is the CLRC?

- **Our mission:** To provide information & resources on cancer-related legal issues to cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, health care professionals, employers, and others coping with cancer.



Overview of the CLRC

- Education Model
- English & Spanish or language line
- Confidential services



www.CancerLegalResourceCenter.org

Webinars and Online Materials

- Webinars:
[www.youtube.com/
CancerLRC](http://www.youtube.com/CancerLRC)

- Publications:
National, State,
and County-
Specific

- Many available in
Spanish

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Webinars and Online Materials

- The HCP Manual: A Legal Resource Guide for Oncology Health Care Professionals – 3rd Edition-
- Patient Legal Handbook



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National Assistance Line

www.clrcintake.org



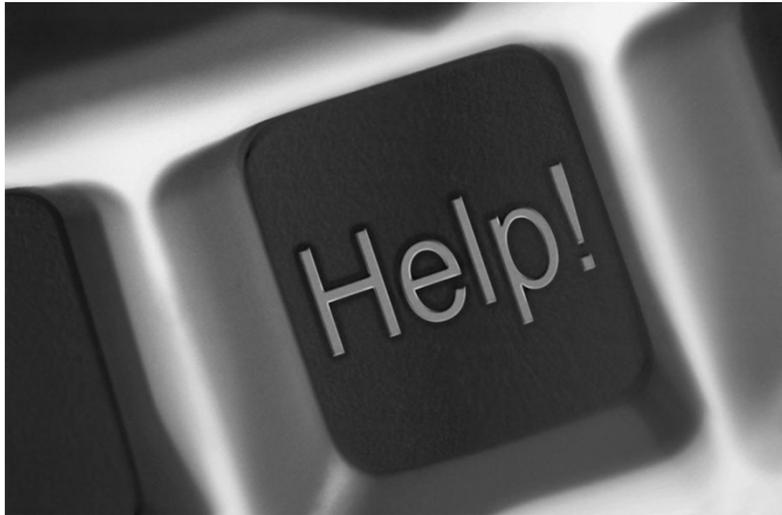
- **Submit questions online through our intake form**
- **Patient has no internet access?
Leave us a voicemail**

1-866-THE-CLRC (1-866-843-2572)

What are Cancer-Related Legal Issues?

- Health Insurance
- Employment
- Disability Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Government Benefits
- Estate Planning
- Landlord/Tenant
- Financial Resources
- Custody/Guardianship of Minor Children
- Real Estate
- Family Law
- Immigration
- Toxic Torts
- Genetic Discrimination
- Consumer Law

National Assistance Line



Top Issues for callers over 65 in 2016:

- Getting/keeping health insurance/treatment
- Housing
- Medical Malpractice/provider issues
- Income maintenance

Case Study: Sylvia



- 74 years old
- Divorced with 2 adult children
- Receives Medicare
- Receives SS Retirement
- Owns her home
- Recently diagnosed with advanced cancer

Resources: MEDICARE



Local Help for People with Medicare.

SHIP

- **Local State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) office:**
www.shiptacenter.org
- **Medicare Rights Center:**
www.medicarerights.org



Resources: Estate Recovery

- **Local Legal Aid organization:**
www.lsc.gov
- **State Medicaid Agency**



Resources: Reverse Mortgage

**US Department of Housing
and Urban Development:
1-800-569-4287 or
www.hud.gov**

**AARP Foundation
Reverse Mortgage
Education Project
1-800-209-8085**



Resources: Landlord/Tenant law

- **US Department of Housing and Urban Development:**
- **1-800-569-4287 or www.hud.gov**
- **Local Housing Authority**
- **Local Legal Aid Organization**
- **National Housing Law Project: www.nhlp.org**



Resources: Wills/Trusts/Financial Powers of Attorney



- Local Legal Aid organization:
www.lsc.gov
- State Bar Association
- Estate planning attorneys

Resources: Practical Tip

Ask whether your patient has a financial power of attorney in place



Resources: Advance Directives

- Power of attorney for health
- Living will/Individual Instructions
- Organ Donation
- Primary Care Provider
- Signature/Witness



Resources: Practical Tip

Encourage your patient to name an alternate agent



Resources: Advance Directives

- Free advance directive forms for every state: www.caringinfo.org
- End of life counseling: www.compassionandchoices.org



Resources: Transportation



- American Cancer Society “Road to Recovery: www.cancer.org
- National Patient Travel Center: www.patienttravel.org (long distance)
- Your state’s DMV (for concerns about elderly drivers)

Other resources for Older Adults with Cancer



- Area Agency on Aging: www.n4a.org
- Elder Care Locator: www.eldercare.gov
- American Association of Retired Persons: www.aarp.org

Financial resources for Older Adults with Cancer



- Prescription Drug Assistance Programs
- Financial Assistance Programs
- Consumer debt/fraud: your state's Attorney General

Resources for Caregivers of Older Adults with Cancer

- Caregiver Action Network:
www.caregiveraction.org
- Family Caregiver Alliance:
www.caregiver.org
- Lotsa Helping Hands:
www.lotsahelpinghands.com



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