

Free Legal Assistance Available for Older Iowans

Iowans 60 and over can receive free legal assistance from the Legal Hotline for Older Iowans. Funded by grants from various agencies and companies, the Hotline housed at Iowa Legal Aid provides free legal advice about issues such as:

- Medicare and Medicaid
- Health care directives
- Programs available to help pay medical, nursing home and housing expenses
- Social Security, SSI, VA benefits, food assistance
- Housing and real estate issues
- Debt counseling, utility issues, home repairs and other consumer issues
- Grandparent rights, elder abuse and age discrimination
- Wills, avoiding probate and estate planning matters
- Guardianships and conservatorships
- Other non-criminal legal matters

Attorneys give legal advice and information to help prevent or resolve legal problems. They provide brief services such as reviewing documents and resolving problems with agencies, creditors or other adversaries. They can refer to other agencies to help resolve non-legal problems and will determine if people need more than advice and then refer them to legal assistance.

The Hotline can be reached by calling 1-800-992-8161. If you are in the Des Moines area, call 282-8161. You can also check them out on the web at www.iowalegalaid.org