

BENEFITS OF A MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIP

WHAT IS A MEDICAL-LEGAL PARTNERSHIP?

A Medical-legal partnership (MLP) is a collaboration between a healthcare provider and a legal aid organization. The partnership is an opportunity for legal intervention to help patients address social and environmental factors at the root of their health issue(s). Learn more: medical-legalpartnership.org.

HOW CAN A MLP BENEFIT A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER?

- A MLP can provide better patient outcomes, because it creates an opportunity for patients to address their social determinants of health.
- Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHC) with a MLP can be more successful in addressing social determinants of health in its community. In turn, better patient outcomes can help the FQHC achieve a higher score when reporting on addressing the social determinants of health.
- Healthcare providers with an active MLP may qualify for grants from drug companies.

HOW DOES A MLP BENEFIT A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER'S PATIENTS?

A MLP is a step forward in improving the overall well-being of a healthcare provider's patients. Patients who qualify for free legal help from Prairie State Legal Services (PSLS), can be assisted with a legal issue that is directly tied to their basic human needs. A patient's improved social well-being can lead to their improved overall health.

WHAT IS PSLS?

PSLS is a nonprofit law firm. PSLS has 11 offices serving residents of 36 counties throughout Northern and Central Illinois. PSLS offers free civil legal services to low income individuals and those 60 and older who have serious civil legal problems and need legal help to solve them.

SERVICES OFFERED BY PSLS

PSLS focuses on legal issues related to financial stability, housing and safety. PSLS can:

- Protect survivors of domestic violence.
- Help homeowners and renters with evictions, mortgage foreclosures and other housing matters.
- Increase access to utility services and public benefits (SSDI/SSI, TANF, medical assistance, food stamps).
- Help kids access school services, housing and other services.
- Protect older adults from elder abuse.
- Help older adults get medical care and community-based assistance, and assist with debt/consumer-related issues, as well as advanced directives.

PSLS cannot assist with criminal or traffic matters.



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HOW CAN PATIENTS APPLY FOR PSLS' HELP?

PSLS clients must meet financial eligibility guidelines. If a healthcare provider has a MLP with PSLs, the provider can refer patients directly to PSLs! Patients can also call the PSLs office that serves their county of residence:

Bloomington

Serving Livingston, McLean and Woodford Counties

Phone: 309-827-5021

Toll Free: 800-874-2536

Galesburg

Serving Henderson, Knox, McDonough and Warren Counties

Phone: 309-343-2141

Toll Free: 800-331-0617

Joliet

Serving Will County

Phone: 815-727-5123

Toll Free: 877-315-4472

Kankakee

Serving Iroquois and Kankakee Counties

Phone: 815-935-2750

Toll Free: 800-346-2864

Moline

Serving Henry, Lee, Mercer, Rock Island and Whiteside Counties

Phone: 309-794-1328

Toll Free: 800-322-9804

Ottawa

Serving Bureau, Grundy, LaSalle and Putnam Counties

Phone: 815-434-5903

Toll Free: 800-892-7888

Peoria

Serving Fulton, Marshall, Peoria, Stark and Tazewell Counties

Phone: 309-674-9831

Toll Free: 800-322-2280

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Serving Boone, Carroll, Jo Daviess, Ogle, Stephenson and Winnebago Counties

Phone: 815-965-2902

Toll Free: 800-892-2985

Waukegan

Serving Lake County

Phone: 847-662-6925

Toll Free: 800-942-3940

West Suburban

Serving DeKalb, DuPage, Kane and Kendall Counties

Phone: 630-690-2130

Toll Free: 800-690-2130

Woodstock

Serving McHenry County

Phone: 815-344-9113

Toll Free: 877-480-3020



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INTERESTED IN ESTABLISHING A MLP WITH PSLs?

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