

OTHER LEGAL AID SERVICES

In addition to the Coverage to Care Legal Initiative, the Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County provides free legal advice, representation and education in areas such as foreclosure defense and prevention, family law issues, domestic violence advocacy and Social Security and Medicare assistance (for individuals over 60 years of age). If you meet the eligibility guidelines, you may qualify for services provided by other Legal Aid Society programs.

WHERE TO FIND US

The Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County's **Coverage to Care Legal Initiative** is located at 423 Fern Street, Suite 200, in downtown West Palm Beach. The entrance to our office is on Fern Street between Dixie Highway and Quadrille Boulevard.

Our office is four blocks south of the main Palm Beach County Courthouse on Dixie and two blocks east of City Place.



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Coverage to Care Legal Initiative

Our Mission

The mission of the **Coverage to Care Legal Initiative Project (CCLI)** is to improve the ability of the residents of Palm Beach County, especially disadvantaged and vulnerable resident populations, to access health care coverage and utilize this coverage once they have it through legal representation and systemic advocacy.

The CCLI project provides community education and outreach related to the Affordable Care Act and private utilization of health plans.

Our Outreach

We are also available to train agency staff on how to help your clients to overcome barriers to healthcare.

Visit our Facebook page and Twitter for healthcare legal tips and news!

An in-house certified navigator funded by HCSEF is available by appointment for enrollment assistance.

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Did You Know...

...about the Individual Shared Responsibility Payment “**Tax Penalty?**” If you can afford health insurance but choose not to buy it, you must pay a fee to the government known as the **individual shared responsibility payment**.

- The fee in 2015 is 2% of your yearly income or \$325.00 per person for the year, whichever is greater.
- The fee will increase every year.
- In 2016 the fee will be 2.5% of the yearly income or \$695.00 per person, whichever is greater.
- The penalty payment for 2015 needs to be made when you file your 2015 taxes which are due in April, 2016.

Helpful Hints

It is helpful to have the following items available prior to your call or visit:

- Proof of current income such as a pay stub or receipts;
- Any and all correspondence: letter, notices or bills from your current insurance company, the ACA Marketplace or the IRS;
- Copy of your most recent tax return;
- Any medical correspondence such as referrals or letters;
- Copy of your most recent health insurance policy/card.

How We Can Help

We are committed to assisting you! Please contact our office if you require:

- Assistance with filing exemptions from the individual mandate (Tax Penalty);
- Assistance with any ACA appeals including, but not limited to, inconsistent subsidy calculations between the Marketplace and the IRS;
- Assistance with the expedited internal and external appeals process dealing with denials of benefit services and prescriptions;
- Assistance for consumers facing healthcare barriers due to immigration issues;
- Assistance with the proper utilization of health care plans.
- Any other issues which affect your access to healthcare and coverage.

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