

**Genesee County Bar
Association & Legal
Services of Eastern
Michigan**

**NURSING
HOME
AND HOSPICE
OUTREACH
PROGRAM**

*Offering low-income residents
peace of mind, during difficult
times....*

Free Legal Services

- ◆ Simple will/change to will
- ◆ Durable power of attorney
- ◆ Health care papers

Our Pledge to You

- ◆ *Attorneys do not get paid for providing this free service, but do receive volunteer Pro Bono hours through the Access to Justice Program of the State Bar of Michigan.*
- ◆ *All participating attorneys have legal malpractice insurance.*
- ◆ *Attorneys must complete a mandatory program orientation.*

** If a client wishes to have their paperwork filed at Genesee County Probate Court, the court charges a \$25 filing fee.*

**A free program of the
Genesee County Bar
Association and Legal
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Michigan.**

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The Genesee County Bar Association is a non-profit 501© 6 organization.

Legal Services of Eastern Michigan is a non-profit 501© 3 organization.

What is the Nursing Home and Hospice Outreach Program?

The Nursing Home and Hospice Outreach Program is a collaboration between the Genesee County Bar Association and Legal Services of Eastern Michigan.

How did the Program Begin?

Legal Services of Eastern Michigan (LSEM) received an urgent telephone call from a health care provider requesting immediate assistance for a low-income citizen residing in their nursing home who needed an amendment to a will. A local attorney volunteered to help the resident and drafted the documents for free.

The attorney returned to his office, satisfied with a job well-done. Shortly thereafter, LSEM received a telephone call informing them that the resident had passed away – just two hours after signing the will. Nursing home employees were convinced the resident forced herself to stay alive until the will was completed.

What Happened Next?

The Genesee County Bar Association and Legal Services of Eastern Michigan decided to help other low-income individuals residing in nursing homes and hospice facilities with free, simple legal services.

What Free Legal Services are Provided?

- *Simple will/change to existing will.*
- *Durable power of attorney.*
- *Health care papers.*

What are the Qualifications?

- *You must reside in a nursing home or hospice facility.*
- *You must be low-income, defined at or below 125% of poverty. The application will have questions to help you determine if you meet this criteria.*
- *You must complete all of the necessary paperwork and applicable releases.*
- *You must abide by all program rules/regulations.*

How Does the Program Work?

- *If you are a low-income resident in a nursing home or a hospice facility, notify your social worker that you are interested in this free service.*
- *The social worker will assist you in completing the application package and will return it to our program coordinator.*
- *Our program coordinator will review your information and determine if you qualify for the program.*
- *For those qualified, an attorney will meet with you and handle your legal needs.*
- *It is anticipated that the attorney's work can be completed in one visit.*
- *For those who do not qualify, arrangements can be made for estate planning services through the Genesee County Bar Association Lawyer Referral and Information Service at (810) 232-6000 or an appropriate referral will be made through Legal Services of Eastern Michigan.*