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Legal Services of Northern Virginia receives various amounts federal Title III funding from local Area Agencies on Aging that require that eligibility for individuals 60 and older not be means tested. (Means tested means subject to income and resource restrictions for eligibility.)

However, LSNV does not have sufficient staff to provide all forms of legal services for every individual aged 60 and older in the northern Virginia area. Therefore we have prioritized particular areas of services that we undertake.

Services include:

- Eligibility issues for Long Term Care coverage under Medicaid (Nursing Home and Community Based Care). LSNV does not provide extensive Medicaid planning services;
- Discharge from and of quality of care issues in nursing homes;
- Nursing home contract issues and defense in collection suits brought against the recipient and/or third parties sued by nursing homes;
- Assisted Living issues including contract; quality of care and discharge issues;
- Medicare coverage including prescription drug coverage;
- Social Security Retirement including eligibility and overpayment issues;
- SSI disability eligibility and overpayment issues;
- Other health related issues including collection suits from hospitals, doctors and other health related services;
- Food stamps, real estate tax exemption, auxiliary grants and other benefit issues for lower income individuals 60 and older;
- Debt collection issues including garnishment;
- Obtaining Protective Orders for individuals 60 and older;
- Identify theft and other forms of financial exploitation against seniors; and

- Wills, Durable Power of Attorney, Medical Powers of Attorney and Living Wills (on a limited basis).

In addition, the Elder Law Unit provides various legal materials and conducts regular workshops at various senior centers and senior living complexes to help advise seniors about their legal rights.

Medicare Part D

Effective January 1, 2006 – there is a new addition to Medicare that provides an outpatient prescription drug benefit. [Click](#) here for more information regarding this new program.

Electronic Links to More Information

- [American Association of Retired Persons \(AARP\)](#)
- [Virginia Department for the Aging](#)
- [Elder Web](#)
- [Administration on Aging](#)
- [Senior Net](#)
- [Social Security Administration](#)
- [National Aging Information Center](#)
- [Senior Navigator - Housing & Health Facilities Information](#)
- [Office of the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman](#)

Publications

- [Advanced Medical Directives: English; Spanish; Korean; Vietnamese](#)
- [Patient Rights: English; Spanish; Korean](#)
- [Making a Will in Virginia: English; Spanish; Chinese; Vietnamese; Korean](#)
- [Seniors and the ADA: English; Spanish; Korean](#)
- [Special Do Not Resuscitate Orders: English; Spanish; Korean](#)
- [Durable Power of Attorney: English; Spanish; Vietnamese; Korean](#)
- [Adult Guardianship: English; Spanish; Korean](#)
- [What the Law Says about Funerals: English; Spanish](#)
- [Medicare and Managed Care: English; Spanish](#)
- [Nursing Home Contracts: English; Spanish](#)