

# Legal Services of Northern Virginia

## PUBLIC BENEFITS

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LSNV helps clients obtain:

- Temporary Assistance to Needy Families ([TANF](#), which replaces AFDC);
- Medicaid;
- Food Stamps;
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI);
- Social Security; and
- other public benefits which have been terminated, reduced or denied.

Through the AIDS Law Project, LSNV provides representation, entitlements counseling, and informational presentations to persons living with HIV/AIDS. Through the Fairfax Disability Advocacy Project, LSNV provides specialized services to Fairfax County residents who are disabled allowing them to meet their basic needs and live independently.

#### **Medicare Part D**

Effective January 1, 2006, – there is a new addition to Medicare that provides an outpatient prescription drug benefit called Part D.

The benefit structure is generally as follows:

First, there is a \$250.00 deductible (you don't get any benefit until your drug costs exceed \$250.00. After that you pay 25 percent of the cost of the drugs, up to \$2,000.00.

Second, for costs of drugs between \$2,251.00 and \$5,100.00 (this is known as the doughnut hole) you must pay the full amount charged.

Third, after \$5,100.00 the coverage starts again and pays 95 percent of any additional drug costs.

[Click](#) here for more information regarding this new program.

For a discussion about lower-cost alternative drugs to save money see  
[www.crbestbuydrugs.org/drugreports.html](http://www.crbestbuydrugs.org/drugreports.html)

Virginia [Insurance Counseling & Assistance](#) Program  
Information and assistance with choosing and enrolling in  
Medicare Part D.