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HEALTH JUSTICE ALLIANCE Cancer LAW

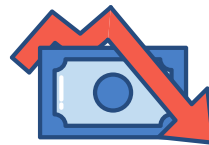
PROMOTING THE HEALTH OF CANCER PATIENTS THROUGH LEGAL ADVOCACY AND INTERPROFESSIONAL COLLABORATION AT THE MEDSTAR WASHINGTON CANCER INSTITUTE

LEGAL SERVICES METRICS

18	Referrals received from the Patient Support Team
18	Legal intake appointments with new patients
37	New legal issues identified
85	Total legal issues worked on
57	Total legal issues resolved
55	Total patients served

Top Legal Issues this Quarter:

- Social Security Benefits
- Estate Planning
- Medicaid/Medicare
- Housing
- Public Benefits



69% of patients served live below 100% of the federal poverty level



89% of patients served live below 200% of the federal poverty level

PATIENT OUTCOMES & HIGHLIGHTS



"The attorney was so professional and personable, she met me right at my treatment. I can't say enough good things about her. She went above and beyond. She fixed a ticketing issue for me, so now I can drive to the hospital and go to my appointments."

-C-LAW patient



Secured \$67,000 for Cancer LAW patients in disability benefits, debt relief, and Medicare & Medicaid cost-savings and benefits



Hosted the inaugural Conversation Cafe, a free event to walk cancer patients and their families through the healthcare decision making process



Obtained or maintained health insurance for 5 patients



Met a late-stage, home-bound patient at her apartment to execute advance planning documents, providing peace of mind to her and to her family



Maintained employment status for a patient undergoing cancer treatment at risk of being unemployed



Successfully won a previously-denied disability benefits appeal for a late-stage cancer patient in the amount of \$6,700



Secured immediate home health care for a patient disabled by treatment side effects, allowing the patient to remain in the home and for the patient's family to return to work

CAPACITY-BUILDING & COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

In Fall 2021, Cancer LAW attorneys:



Attended trainings conducted by Equal Justice Works, the DC Bar, and the Victims Legal Network DC, to enhance attorneys' ability to serve patients



Created an interactive workbook to guide patients through legacy planning, including information on advance directives and power-of-attorneys



Presented a legal issue spotting training to the MWCI Palliative Care Team



Secured funding for an additional Equal Justice Works Fellow, expanding C-LAW's capacity to serve patients

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