Maryland Legal Aid’s Ryan White Project provides free civil legal services that are critical for people living with HIV/AIDS who reside in Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Harford, Howard, and Queen Anne’s counties.

Legal assistance provided by Maryland Legal Aid is designed to address the health-harming legal needs of people living with HIV/AIDS, and to enable them to focus on one of their primary concerns, free of discrimination—fighting the effects of HIV/AIDS and staying well.

Proof of residency, income*, and HIV status are required to open a case.

Assistance provided by Maryland Legal Aid is an essential component of a holistic and comprehensive continuum of care for each client.

* To meet eligibility requirements, individuals must have incomes at or below 500% of the federal poverty level.

Access to legal services, in combination with medical care and case management assistance, is crucial to the well-being of people living with HIV/AIDS.

Obtaining public benefits may be necessary for either you, or individuals who may depend on you, to maintain a basic standard of living and self-sufficiency.

Consumer debt consultations will help you understand your rights and options under Maryland debtor-creditor law and federal bankruptcy law and deal with aggressive debt collection efforts pursuant to fair debt collection laws.

If you are discriminated against or treated differently in the housing, employment, or service arenas based on your HIV/AIDS status or “perceived disability,” it may be a violation of state or federal law.

Civil legal assistance provided may include:

**Public Benefits**
- Unemployment
- Food Stamps
- Temporary Disability Assistance (TDAP)
- Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI)
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)

- Medicare & Medical Assistance
- Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA)

**Consumer Debt Consultation**
- Chapter 7 & 13 Bankruptcy
- Wage Garnishment & Bank Account Attachments
- Debt Collection

**Discrimination**
- Housing (foreclosures, evictions, private/subsidized housing issues)
- Employment
- Individual Rights
- Public Accommodations

Assistance may also be available with referrals to private attorneys and other programs for:
- Wills
- Advance Directives
- Powers of Attorney
- Designation of Health Care Surrogates

Other services in the areas of Housing, Family, Consumer and Public Benefits may also be available at Maryland Legal Aid through non-Ryan White funds.
Online Intake: http://www.mdlab.org/intake
Intakes are conducted at other Maryland Legal Aid offices via telephone, but walk-ins are also welcome. In certain circumstances, Maryland Legal Aid may conduct home, nursing home or hospital visits when clients are physically unable to come to an office. Arrangements can also be made for clients who have difficulty coming to an office during regular business hours. For walk-in intake, clients should bring with them proof of residency, income, and HIV status.

Maryland Legal Aid is a private, non-profit law firm whose mission is to provide high-quality civil legal assistance for low-income persons throughout the State.

Language interpretation and accessible facilities are provided.

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Visit www.peoples-law.org for self-help legal information and community resources.
For more information visit www.mdlab.org.