

Legal and Consumer Resources

Advance Directive/Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care

Service: an Advance Directive or Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care allows a person to appoint another individual (called a “designated patient advocate”) to make decisions concerning their medical care when they are unable to make those decisions themselves. The Advance Directive also allows the patient to state their wishes regarding treatments they would or would not want. Advance Directive forms may be obtained free from

Henry Ford Jackson Health Registration Office

205-4800

201 N East Ave

Jackson, MI 49201

Or from Henry Ford’s website: www.henryford.com/visitors/advance-care-planning then click “Advance Directive Form” on left.

Counsel and Advocacy Law Line (CALL)

1-888-783-8190

Lakeshore Legal Aid

16130 Northfield Dr.

Southfield, MI 48075

Service: Lawyers provide free legal advice over the phone to seniors or those with low incomes. CALL attorneys regularly resolve consumer, education, employment, health and housing disputes, secure and protect public benefits, and guide self-represented litigants through domestic, housing and other civil actions. Eligibility: 60 or older, or low income.

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday 9 AM – 5 PM

Wednesday 9 AM – 6 PM

Friday 9 AM – 1 PM

Southeastern Dispute Resolution Services

517-990-0279

211 W Ganson St, Suite 105

Jackson, MI 49201

Service: Southeastern Dispute Resolution Services Center provides community-based mediation services that engage older adults, their families and caregivers, to resolve conflicts and make collaborative decisions that support the older adult’s need for dignity and self-governing.

Fee: Mediation is either free or low cost. It can usually begin within two weeks of contacting a center. A typical mediation session takes about two hours.

Legal Services of South Central Michigan**787-6111**

540 N. Jackson St.

Jackson, MI 49201

Service: Legal assistance to seniors for help with divorce or personal protection orders in domestic violence cases, housing evictions or foreclosures, unemployment and bankruptcy issues. No criminal cases. Help with power of attorney and wills (no trusts) for those with lower incomes (generally less than 200% FPL, or under \$2,265 single, under \$3,051 for couples in 2022.)

Eligibility: 60 or older, Jackson, Hillsdale or Lenawee county resident.

Fee: No charge.

Local Long Term Care Ombudsman Program**1-866-485-9393**

Michigan Elder Justice Initiative

or 517-990-0510

540 N Jackson St.

Jackson, MI 49201

Service: Advocacy services for improving and protecting the rights of individuals in long-term care facilities (nursing homes, adult foster care, homes for the aged, and licensed assisted living). Handles concerns about long term care.

Contact: Ahnuh Hayes

Photo ID for Senior Citizens:

Secretary of State Office

1-888-767-6424

Jackson County Plus Office

1082 Jackson Crossing

Callers encouraged to use on-line services and schedule appointments.

www.mi.gov/sos

Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, and Fri: 9AM-5PM, Wed 9 AM-7PM

Service: personal identification card from state of Michigan that provides proof of age in order to qualify for various senior programs.

Eligibility: must bring drivers license less than 1 yr expired, **or** 3 pieces of ID from approved list, such as certified birth certificate, passport, US military ID, **and** proof of Social Security number **and** 2 proofs of address, such as recent utility bill, bank statement or mortgage or rent contract.

Fee: free for 65 year olds or older, \$10 for younger.

State ID and Birth Record Assistance**Love, INC.****782-9766 Ext 1**

Service: provides assistance to obtain birth record and state ID.

(Also help with prescriptions under \$100; low amount water bills; bus tickets and passes; must meet eligibility requirements discussed during initial phone contact)

Hours: Mondays and Thursdays: 10 AM-2 PM