



AIDING  
ALABAMA

Protecting the Rights of People with HIV/AIDS

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Virtually everyone living with HIV/AIDS encounters legal problems associated with his or her health status. There is nothing more empowering than knowing the facts about your legal rights. Therefore, the Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program is excited to announce “Aiding Alabama,” a new project designed specifically to protect your legal rights. This project is based on the recognition that your HIV status may create distinct legal needs. Through “Aiding Alabama,” we can now address these needs at no cost to you.

### **Wills, Guardianships and Power of Attorney**

- Leave your possessions to your loved ones
- Make sure your children are cared for if something happens to you
- Appoint someone to make decisions for you if you become too sick to make decisions for yourself

### **Insurance**

- Continue your health insurance after you leave a job
- Help you if an insurance company won't pay for your pre-existing condition
- Help you if your insurance company cancels your policy after finding out you are positive

### **Employment**

- Deal with discrimination in the workplace
- Help you if you are fired because of your HIV status
- Help you if you are denied a reasonable accommodation

### **Medicare and Medicaid**

- Help make sure the government pays for the services or treatments you need
- Help you understand your prescription drug plan

### **Return to Work**

- Help you understand how working will affect your federal and state benefits

### **Immigration**

- Obtain United States citizenship despite your HIV status

### **Debtor/Creditor Issues**

- Help you handle harassing creditors when you can't pay your bills

### **Other Rights Violations**

- Help you if someone discloses your HIV status without your permission
- Help you if a nursing home or other residential facility refuses to serve you based on your HIV status
- Help you with any other rights violation based on your HIV status

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