

USC Verdugo Hills Hospital

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LEGAL & FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Legal and financial concerns may involve managing daily affairs, expenses, and debt; making important health care decisions; as well as planning for long-term care expenses. Managing one's estate, such as property and/or other assets, also factors into these considerations.

Services and support can come from accountants, financial advisors, fiduciaries, realtors, and attorneys. Providers with specific training and expertise geared to older adults of varied economic backgrounds are available for tasks such as daily money management, estate planning, and property transactions.

Misuse of an older person's finances (whether from family, professionals or strangers) may constitute elder financial exploitation, which is illegal and can be punishable under the law.

The [USC VHH Community Resource Center for Aging](#) can help, contact us at **818-949-4033** aging-resources@med.usc.edu.

To learn more, visit: uscvhh.org



LEGAL RESOURCES

Elder Mistreatment

Los Angeles County

(877) 477-3646 – Adult Protective Services Reporting Line

(800) 334-9473 – Long-Term Care Ombudsman Crisis Line

Free/Low-Cost Legal Services

Bet Tzedek Legal Services

(323) 939-0506

bettzedek.org

Legal Aid Foundation of Los Angeles

Locations: Los Angeles, Long Beach, Santa Monica

(800) 399-4529 – English or other languages

lafla.org

Neighborhood Legal Services

Self-Help Legal Access Centers – multiple locations

(800) 433-6251 – General Legal Assistance

(800) 896-3202 – Health Consumer Center

nlsla.org

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FINANCIAL RESOURCES

**Department of Labor (DOL) -
Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA)**
(866) 487-9243
dol.gov

National Council on Aging - Benefits Check-up
Online tool to connect older adults to benefits.
benefitscheckup.org

Social Security Administration (SSA)
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
ssa.gov

ADVANCE HEALTHCARE DIRECTIVE

Free to low-cost forms available.

Coalition for Compassionate Care of California
coalitionccc.org

Five Wishes - fivewishes.org

California Hospital Association -
calhospital.org

Prepare for Your Care - prepareforyourcare.org

State of California Dept of Justice - fillable form
[https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/media/
ProbateCodeAdvanceHealthCareDirectiveForm-
fillable.pdf](https://oag.ca.gov/system/files/media/ProbateCodeAdvanceHealthCareDirectiveForm-fillable.pdf)

LEGAL INFORMATION FOR PLANNING

National Institute on Aging
Get your affairs in order [checklist](#).
(800) 222-2225
[https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/advance-care-
planning/getting-your-affairs-order-checklist-
documents-prepare-future](https://www.nia.nih.gov/health/advance-care-planning/getting-your-affairs-order-checklist-documents-prepare-future)

Helping Elders Live Productively (HELP)
Legal information for planning
Help4srs.org

LAWYERS & FIDUCIARIES

Online referral search.

**California Advocates for Nursing Home Reform
(CANHR)** - (800) 474-1116
canhr.org

**LA County Bar Association Lawyer Referral &
Information Service (SmartLaw)**
smartlaw.org

National Association of Elder Law Attorneys
naela.org

Professional Fiduciary Association of California
pfac-pro.org

NOTE: This does not constitute a recommendation or endorsement of these agencies, but can be utilized as a convenience in locating services to meet specific needs that an individual or family member may have.
