

Since 1983, the AIDS  
Legal Referral Panel (ALRP)  
of the San Francisco Bay Area  
has handled over 50,000 legal  
matters for people living  
with HIV/AIDS.



Our panel of over 700 ALRP  
attorneys is ready to provide  
comprehensive legal services  
to help you resolve your  
legal problems.

### How To Volunteer/Donate

ALRP relies on the legal community's tradition of pro bono service and the generosity of many individuals and organizations to meet the legal needs of people with HIV/AIDS.

ALRP needs volunteers to donate their time in a multitude of ways. To volunteer, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator at (415) 701-1100 ext. 303.

To donate, please mail your tax-deductible gift to: ALRP, 1663 Mission Street, Suite 500 San Francisco, CA 94103.

Your contribution, large or small, is greatly appreciated.

### Attorneys Helping You

If you have a legal problem, please call:

**(415) 701-1100**

**(510) 451-5353**

(HIV Services or CRS 800.735.2929, dial 415.701.1100)



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it's about people's lives.

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For Bay Area Residents  
Living with HIV/AIDS



# What is HIPP?

HIPP stands for the HIV/AIDS Insurance Protection Project. Simply put, HIPP is designed to assist people living with HIV/AIDS who have legal issues related to their insurance. Insurance is defined in the broadest possible sense and includes all private and publicly provided insurance.

Issues may involve disputes with an insurance company or employer concerning claims, levels of coverage, pre-existing conditions and denials and/or terminations of coverage. HIPP can also help to answer policy and benefit questions pertaining to private and publicly provided insurance so that policyholders can better understand their rights.

To be eligible for services, a client must be diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and reside in one of the seven Bay Area counties that ALRP serves: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano and Sonoma.

## Legal Representation

HIPP's full-time attorney practices exclusively in the area of insurance law. The HIPP attorney conducts a comprehensive phone consultation with each client in order to evaluate and address his or her issue. If more in-depth legal representation is required, the HIPP attorney will meet with the client to further discuss how the client may be best served.

**The HIV/AIDS Insurance Protection Project (HIPP) is the only program of its kind that assists those living with HIV/AIDS with their insurance-related legal issues.**

HIPP provides direct legal representation through its HIPP attorney and/or through referral to a volunteer attorney who serves on the ALRP panel. The HIPP attorney's services are all free of charge. An ALRP Panel Attorney may charge a fee, depending on the nature of the case and the income of the client.



## What If You Need An Attorney?

If you need to speak with an attorney, please contact the HIPP attorney at (415) 701-1100. Please have the following information available in order to assist the HIPP attorney to evaluate your case:

- Copy of your policy
- Copy of your summary plan description or employee benefits handbook (if available)
- Copies of any relevant correspondence with your insurance company
- Copies of any relevant medical information and/or letter(s) of diagnosis

## Client and Staff Education

The HIPP attorney conducts educational presentations for clients on specific issues related to insurance law. The HIPP attorney is also available to conduct in-service presentations for staff at other agencies, employers and medical providers so that they can appropriately refer their clients. Please contact the HIPP attorney if your organization is interested in scheduling a presentation for your staff or clients.

**ALRP also assists people with HIV/AIDS in other areas of law, including:**

- Wills & Powers Of Attorney
- Landlord-Tenant Law
- Bankruptcy & Credit
- Government Benefits
- Employment
- Privacy/Confidentiality
- Family Law
- Immigration

**ALRP provides legal services for people with HIV/AIDS in the San Francisco Bay Area.**

Our mission is to help people with HIV/AIDS maintain or improve their health by resolving their legal issues.