

SOUTH FLORIDA ELDER HEALTH AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE CONFERENCE

SEPTEMBER 6, 2018

COAST TO COAST LEGAL AID OF SOUTH FLORIDA, 491 State Road 7, [Plantation, FL 33317](#)

AGENDA

Welcome and Introduction: 10-10:20

SSI updates: 10:20-11:50 Kate Lang, Senior Staff Attorney, Justice in Aging

This session covers recent developments at the Social Security Administration, provides a legislative update, discusses current areas of concern for SSI recipients (including termination of disability benefits for patients whose initial eligibility was supported by physician(s) now found to have committed fraud).

Lunch Panel: 11:50-1:00

Matt Childers, Research and Policy Director of Florida Health Justice Project, will provide brief overview of the data regarding health coverage for South Florida's low income elderly; Legal Aid and ADRC leaders will discuss: priority legal issues for South Florida's low income elderly; effective outreach and targeting strategies; challenges; wish list?

Florida's Medicaid Long Term Care Waiver: 1:00-2:00: Miriam Harmatz, Co-Executive Director, Florida Health Justice Project

This session will provide an overview of the home and community based services that are provided through Florida's Medicaid Managed Care Long-Term Care (LTC) Waiver, addressing basic question including: who is eligible, how to apply; what to do if an application is delayed; how the wait list works; how are services types and levels determined and what to do if services are denied, delayed, terminated or reduced.

Medicare for Florida's Low Income Seniors: Issues, Tips and Advocacy Opportunities: 2:00—3:30 Natalie Kean, Staff Attorney, Justice in Aging

This session will provide an overview of coverage basics and current issues for dual eligible beneficiaries and other low-income Medicare beneficiaries, including Medicare Savings Programs (QMB, SLMB, QI), QMB billing protections, Part D Extra Help and changes in Medicare Advantage and Dual Eligible Special Needs Plans (D-SNPs).

Wrap-up, Next steps: Moving forward on the "wish list:" maximizing local, state and national resources: 3:30-4:00