

The NYSUT Group Prepaid Legal Services Plan

The Group Prepaid Legal Services Plan provides participants with a stated benefit allowance for specific legal services. When the services rendered fall within the parameters of the stated benefit allowance, the Plan participant will not incur out-of-pocket expenses for plan attorney fees. The plan is designed to provide a healthy benefit allowance for some of the most common legal matters encountered today.

Eligibility

Full-time teachers; full-time nurses and full-time administrators employed thirty or more hours per week and their qualifying dependents can use the services of this plan throughout the year whenever there is a need. Qualified dependents include your spouse or domestic partner, your dependent children up to the age of nineteen or the age of twenty-five if they are a full-time student.

Employees new to the district and their qualified dependents will become eligible on the first day of the calendar month following the new employee's date of employment.

How to Use the Plan Most Effectively

- Direct all requests for Group Prepaid Legal Services in to the National Legal Office:

Feldman, Kramer & Monaco, P.C
330 Vanderbilt Motor Parkway
Hauppauge, New York 11788
(631) 231-4480 for Long Island residents
(800) 832-5182 for all other NY residents
(800) 292-8063 after hours Hotline

- Always obtain a copy of anything you sign.
- Keep copies of contracts, bill, receipts and other documents in a safe place so they are available when you need them.
- If you receive legal papers in the mail, call the National Legal Office for advice and an appointment.
- If you have any doubts about the advice given to you by someone who seeks to gain some benefit from you, call the National Legal Office first, before you enter into any commitment.
- If you cannot keep your appointment with the Plan's attorney, call the office to reschedule so that others may see the attorney at that time.
- If you have an appointment with a Plan attorney make sure you bring with you all documents the attorney will need to help you.
- Have patience. The legal process sometimes moves slowly. Be assured that your attorney is doing all that is possible within the legal system and will keep you informed of the status of the matter.

Prepaid Group Legal Plan Benefits

Following is a list of benefits provided under the Legal Plan. For a detailed description of each benefit and benefit allowance consult your copy of the Certificate of Legal Services (Summary Plan Description).

Advice, Consultation, Document Review, Letter Writing
Purchase of Sale of Real Estate and Refinance
Traffic Matters and DWI – 24 Hour Hotline
Family and Marital Relations – Contested and Uncontested
Personal Injury
Bankruptcy and Foreclosure
Consumer Protection – Plaintiff and Defendant Coverage
Defamation – Slander
Will and Estate Planning
Living Will and Health Care Proxy
Power of Attorney
Probate and Administration of Estates
Adoption and Guardianship
Change of Surname
Excess Coverage @ \$125 per hour

Who to Contact

To speak with an attorney or for a referral call the National Legal Office:

Feldman, Kramer & Monaco, P.C. Attorneys at Law
330 Vanderbilt Parkway
Hauppauge, NY 11788
631-231-4480 Long Island residents
800-832-5182 All New York residents

For general questions on Prepaid Group Legal or additional materials, call or write:

NYSUT Member Benefits
800 Troy-Schenectady Road
Latham, New York 12110-2455
518-213-6000
800-626-8101 ext.1231

2/6/05