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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Free Legal Assistance Available for South Carolina Hurricane Victims**

A toll-free legal aid hotline is available to South Carolina victims of storm-related damage as a result of Hurricane Matthew in recently declared disaster areas. The service is a partnership between the American Bar Association Young Lawyers Division, the South Carolina Bar, the South Carolina Bar Young Lawyers Division and South Carolina Legal Services.

Please call 1-877-797-2227 ext. 120 (toll-free) or 803-576-3815 (local) between 9:00 AM and 5:00 PM, Monday through Friday, to request assistance. When connected to the hotline, callers should state that they are seeking disaster-related legal assistance, give brief details of the assistance needed and identify the county in which they are located.

For victims seeking legal assistance outside of the declared counties, please contact South Carolina Legal Services at 888-346-5592. [Click here for additional information.](#)

### **DHEC flu vaccine clinic listings posted online**

DHEC began offering flu vaccines at health departments on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Flu vaccination information, clinic times and locations can be found at <http://www.scdhec.gov/flu> or call DHEC's Immunization Division at (803) 898-0460 (toll free 1-800-277-4687).

### **Progress Report – Hope for Tomorrow: The Collective Approach for Transforming South Carolina’s Behavioral Health Systems**

The South Carolina Institute of Medicine & Public Health (IMPH) released the first annual Progress Report providing an update on each recommendation from May 2015’s Behavioral Health Taskforce report, “Hope for Tomorrow: The Collective Approach for Transforming South Carolina’s Behavioral Health Systems.” [Click here for more information.](#)

### **Silver Haired Legislature has annual Priority Session**

The three priorities to be presented to the legislature in 2017 are: Providing respite for family caregivers, funding in-home and community-based services, and restoring geriatric loan forgiveness funding. [Click here to read the full story.](#)

## EVENTS

### **Central Midlands Area Agency on Aging to Sponsor “My Will” Clinics**

The Central Midlands Area Agency on Aging, in conjunction with the USC School of Law Pro Bono Program and the S.C. Bar Public Services Division, will be sponsoring My Will clinics beginning in September and continuing through May 2017. The Clinics will be held once a month and will rotate through the Central Midlands Service area of Richland, Lexington, Fairfield and Newberry Counties. Low-incomes senior citizens who would like to have a simple will done should contact the Central Midlands AAA to see if they qualify and schedule an appointment. There is an application form to complete. The first clinic will be held on September 16, 2016 at the Central Midlands AAA office in Columbia. Other clinic locations are to be determined and are scheduled for October 7, 2016, November 18, 2016, January 27, 2017, March 24, 2017, April 7, 2017 and May 19, 2017. **Appointments are required.** To see if you are eligible and schedule an appointment, contact the Central Midlands AAA at 803-744-5120. *Attorney* volunteers can

sign up here.

## **FREE LEGAL CLINICS**

The South Carolina Bar sponsors free legal clinics around the state focusing on the following topics: Elder Law; End of Life Issues; Senior Issues; Powers of Attorney; Wills, Estates and Probate; and Senior Scams. You can find the schedule here. For more information about the clinics, or to schedule a clinic for your organization, contact Debbie Morris at [debbie.morris@scbar.org](mailto:debbie.morris@scbar.org).

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