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**SENIORS
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SUMMARY OF SERVICES

The Seniors Law Project of the South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc. (SCCLS) is funded in part by the **Coastline with Title III funds from the Older Americans Act and the Massachusetts Bar Foundation**. Coastline and its programs are funded in whole or in part by contracts with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Elder Affairs. The Seniors Law Project was developed to provide free legal assistance to elders (age 60 and over) residing in:

- . Acushnet
- . Dartmouth
- . Fairhaven
- . Gosnold
- . Marion
- . Mattapoisett
- . New Bedford
- . Rochester

Eligibility for services is based on age, residence and Project priorities. While there are no income criteria, the Project does direct its efforts to those elders with the greatest economic and social need.

SCCLS provides legal assistance with no charge for questions or problems with:

Public Benefits:

Social Security, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), cash assistance, food stamps and other entitlement programs.

Housing:

Landlord/tenant problems in private and public housing, especially evictions.

Health/Health Insurance/ Long Term Care:

Problems with Medicaid (MassHealth), Medicare, private insurance and institutional care.

Document Preparation:

Powers of attorney, wills for low income, home-bound and institutionalized seniors and in emergency situations.

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For other legal problems, a referral may be made to a private attorney.

Portuguese & Spanish-speaking staff are available. The project is located at:

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Appointments are available throughout the service area. Elders wishing to take advantage of our services should call us at:

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during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Callers will be seen by appointment unless there is an emergency. Home visits are available for home-bound seniors.