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FREE LEGAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO NEVADA SENIOR CITIZENS

Carson City—Nevada Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Director Mike Willden and Division for Aging Services (DAS) Administrator Carol Sala announced today that a toll-free telephone number seniors age 60 and older can call to obtain free legal assistance is now in Nevada.

Seniors can dial 1-877-693-2163 to be provided assistance with almost any legal problem, including housing, consumer issues, health care, public benefits, estate planning, wills, guardianships, and other matters that are not criminal in nature.

The service, funded through a grant received by DAS from the United States Administration on Aging, is staffed by attorneys and paralegals from Nevada Legal Services and the Washoe County Senior Law Project.

Sala said the new toll-free legal helpline should prove especially helpful to those Nevada senior citizens living in rural counties, where free legal services are often difficult to find.

For more information about the new service, contact Sally Ramm, DAS Elder Rights Attorney, at (775) 688-2964 ext. 253. For more information about the Division for Aging Services, go to <http://aging.state.nv.us/index.htm>.

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