

National Health Law Program, Inc.
(Los Angeles, CA)
Health Activist Court Watch Project

Total Award: \$150,000 over 1 year

To support the Health Activist Court Watch Project (HACWP) to preserve government responsibility for protecting individual rights provided for by federal programs, particularly Medicaid, rather than allowing states unprecedented flexibility to eliminate essential services for specific population groups. The project will accomplish this goal by building on their accomplishments to date and expanding their work providing assistance to other organizations dealing with similar issues. HACWP will: 1) employ a multi-pronged approach to keeping courthouse doors open to limited income people, including through litigation, national and state policy advocacy, and coalition building; 2) build bridges with advocates in the public housing, food stamp, disability, and civil rights communities who are facing court access challenges similar to those that already have been raised against Medicaid beneficiaries; and 3) raise general public awareness of court access as a low income and civil rights issue. HACWP has been nationally-recognized as a repository of carefully crafted information that is shared with advocates, community groups, and policy makers.

Program Contribution Breakdown:

\$150,000 Health Program: *Objective I, Strategy 1*