



Lifetime Documents

Statutory Durable Power of Attorney

A Statutory Durable Power of Attorney names one or more individuals to serve as an Agent (attorney-in-fact) with respect to business and financial matters. A Power of Attorney can become effective on the date that it is signed, or it can become effective when the person signing it becomes incapacitated. The powers granted can be very broad and sweeping, so careful consideration should be given as to the person or persons to be named as an Agent.

Medical Power of Attorney

A Medical Power of Attorney names one or more individuals to make any and all health care decisions on behalf of the person signing the Medical Power of Attorney. An Agent's authority begins when a doctor certifies that the person signing the Medical Power of Attorney lacks capacity to make their own health care decisions.

Directive to Physicians and Family or Surrogates

A Directive to Physicians and Family or Surrogates (also known as a "Living Will") is designed to help communicate wishes about medical treatment in the future when a person is unable to make their wishes known because of illness or injury. If suffering with a terminal or irreversible condition, the type of treatment and care to be provided can be clearly stated.

HIPAA Authorization

Execution of a HIPAA Authorization will enable a medical provider to release medical information to the individuals named in the HIPAA Authorization upon the request of the named individuals. It is particularly important that the person named as an Agent under a Medical Power of Attorney be granted this authority.



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