YOUR PATH TO ADVANCE CARE PLANNING

HEALTH CARE & FINANCIAL CHOICES IN WISCONSIN

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3. **Complete your Advance Directives**
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Make Your Health Care and Financial choices known

In Wisconsin law, *your spouse or family cannot automatically make decisions for you when you are unable*. You need to choose people you trust to follow your health care and financial decisions so you get what you want.

Learn more

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1 Choose your agent

A trusted person/people that will honor your wishes & speak for you, when you are not able.

2 Share your wishes

Tell your agent/important people what you want.

3 Complete your Advance Directives

- Power of Attorney for health care POA-HC
- Power of Attorney for finance POA-Finance
- Follow document directions closely for accuracy.

4 Give a copy to your agents and...

- POA-HC - Give copies to your medical providers and your important people.
- POA-Finance - Give copies to your financial contacts.

When do these documents go into effect?

POA-HC - Requires medical provider determination of your inability to make your own decisions (incapacity)

POA-Finance - Immediately, unless you state otherwise when creating the document

For free documents and resources go to:

Wisconsin Medical Society

https://wismed.org/wismed/wismed/about-us/advance-care-planning.aspx

For assistance and questions

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1hQRKHcXCEZQ21pdEYlTo5ExaOuQbr6-L/view

Wisconsin Guardianship Support Center

https://gwaar.org/guardianship-resources

https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/adrc/index.htm

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