

Quick Reference Guide

HIPAA Release

- Authorization for any health facility or provider to disclose protected health information to the agents you have chosen.
- Effective ***immediately*** upon execution.

Directive

- Written communication of YOUR WISHES for receiving life-sustaining treatment in the event you have a terminal or an irreversible condition.
- Removes the burden from family and friends if the toughest decisions have already made for them.

Medical Power of Attorney (Med PoA)

- Designation of an Agent (and successor Agent(s)) to act on your behalf regarding medical/health care decisions.
- Effective immediately upon execution.
- Applies ***only during lifetime***.

Statutory Durable Power of Attorney

- Similar to the Medical Power of Attorney in that Agent(s) are designated to act on your behalf regarding property transactions.
- Effective immediately upon execution.
- Applies ***only during lifetime***.

Will

- Document containing your appointments for executor(s), trustee(s), guardians, and directions for disposition of your estate.
- ***Takes effect upon death.***