



The Power of Powers of Attorney

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Documents

Document Name	Form and Method of Execution
Medical Power of Attorney	Form required by Texas law. Must be signed before two witnesses or a notary.
Directive to Physicians and Family or Surrogates (Living Will)	Form not required, but recommended, by Texas law. Must be signed before two witnesses or a notary.
HIPAA Authorization	Form not required by law, but must contain specific language. No witnesses or notary required.
Statutory Durable Power of Attorney (Financial Power of Attorney)	Form not required, but recommended, by Texas law. Must be notarized.
Declaration of Guardian	Form not required, but recommended, by Texas law.

Who should be my Agent?

- Someone who is trustworthy, responsible with money, organized and makes good decisions
- Someone who does not have their own money problems (do they have an incentive to steal?)
- Consider age and geography distances



Agent Suggestions

- Spouse
- Parents
- Children, stepchildren, and grandchildren
- Siblings and step siblings, nieces and nephews, cousins
- Spouses of children, stepchildren, siblings or other close family
- Friends
- Neighbors
- Members of social groups, fraternal organizations, religious communities, etc.
- Professional Fiduciaries (e.g. a bank or financial institution)