

YOUR PATH TO GET WHAT YOU WANT

ADVANCE CARE PLANNING FOR
HEALTH CARE & FINANCIAL CHOICES

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2 Share your wishes

3 Complete your
Advance Directives

4 Give a copy to your
agents**



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.

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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
- These are legal documents that share your wishes.
- 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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