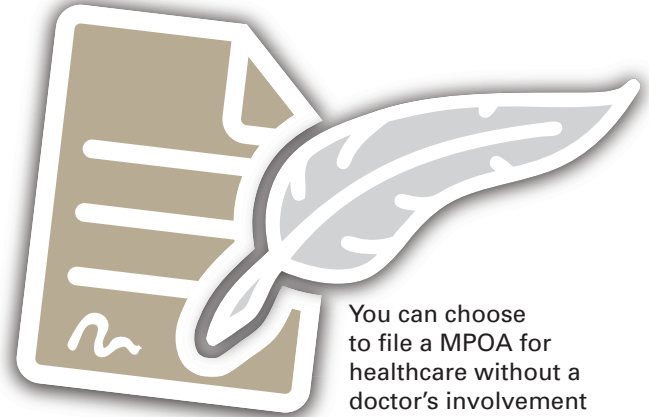


Purpose of a Power of Attorney for Health Care

The purpose of a power of attorney is to give your designated "agent" broad powers to make health care decisions for you when you are unable to make those decisions. Those decisions include the power to require, consent to, or withdraw treatment for any physical or mental condition and to admit or discharge you from any hospital, home or other institution. A power of Attorney requires one signature of an adult. Your Power of Attorney for health care goes into effect when your doctor determines you are no longer able to make or communicate your own health care decisions.



You can choose to file a MPOA for healthcare without a doctor's involvement

Illinois Advance Directive

The Illinois Statutory Short Form used for power of attorney requires the signature of the person making the Illinois Power of Attorney for Health Care, requires one witness over the age of 18 who is not:

- Your attending physician, mental health service provider or relative of either
- Any health care provider who is administering health care to you at the time you execute this document
- An owner, operator, or relative of an owner or operator of a health care facility in which you are a patient or resident
- Your parent, sibling, descendant or any of their spouses
- Your agent's parent, sibling, or descendant, or any of their spouses
- Your agent or successor agent

Your Agent:

- Is a person you appoint to make decisions about your medical care if you become unable to make those decisions yourself
- May be a family member or close friend whom you trust to make serious decisions;
- Is a person who clearly understands your wishes and must be willing to accept responsibility of making medical decisions for you
- Can be a second or third person as a successor agent who will step in if the first person you name as your agent is unable, unwilling or unavailable to act for you

NOTE: You do not need to notarize your power of attorney for health care or your living will. An Illinois Statutory Short Form, used for the power of attorney, may be downloaded from dph.illinois.gov or www.caringinfo.org and is the copyright of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Org.



GRIEF SUPPORT

Family Hospice has its own grief support service called The Heartlinks Grief Center. It's mission is to be the support center for all grieving people in our community. We began as a small program in 1997, supporting children who had a lost a loved one in hospice. We have grown into a full-service center that provides peer support, individual and family counseling and mobile programs to people of all ages in our service area.



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MUSIC THERAPY

Music Therapists are certified allied health professionals, specially trained in hospice and palliative care. Our therapists assess patients to determine strategies for pain relief and emotional care. They provide personalized therapeutic sessions for individual hospice patients or whole family groups.



- MUSIC STIRS MEMORIES
- MUSIC AFFECTS MOOD
- MUSIC SOOTHES MIND, BODY, SPIRIT

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PET THERAPY

Certified therapy teams visit with patients wherever they reside – at home or professional care settings. For some patients, contact with these special animals evoke memories of pets in their lives.



"One of the most fundamental advantages of animal-assisted therapy over other therapeutic modalities is that it provides the patient a much-needed opportunity to give affection as well as receive it."

Dr. Andrew Weil

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