

MEDICAL DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY (PATIENT ADVOCATE DESIGNATION)

Plain English Explanation:

This document lets you choose someone you trust (called your “patient advocate”) to make medical decisions for you if you’re too sick or injured to make them yourself.

That person can:

- Talk to your doctors and nurses**
- Decide what treatments or surgeries you get**
- Choose whether to keep you on life support if you’re in a coma or near death**
- Carry out your wishes about end-of-life care**

Your patient advocate can only make decisions after two doctors say you are unable to decide or speak for yourself. Until then, you are always in charge of your own care.

This form protects you by making sure someone you trust — not a stranger or the court — can speak for you in a medical emergency.