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## What powers are granted to an agent under a Power of Attorney for Health Care?



Under a Power of Attorney for Health Care, you can give your agent limited or broad authority to make decisions concerning your health care and personal well-being. An agent's authority may include the ability to carry out one or more of the following on your behalf:

- Consent (or withhold consent) to any and all types of medical care, treatment or procedures, including the withdrawal or withholding of life-sustaining treatment
- Admit (or discharge) you from any and all types of hospitals, institutions, residential or nursing facilities, treatment centers and other health care institutions
- Contract for any and all type of health care services and facilities
- Examine and copy those medical records that your agent deems relevant to the exercise of his or her powers, and to consent to their disclosure

You also can give your agent authority to do one or more of the following after your death:

- Make anatomical gifts
- Request or consent to an autopsy
- Direct the disposition of your remains

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