

FREE FAMILY RESOURCE

Healthcare Proxy Explained

What families should know about naming someone to make medical decisions.

What It Does

- ☐ Names a healthcare decision-maker
- ☐ Used when the person cannot decide or communicate
- ☐ Helps doctors know who to speak with
- ☐ Should be accessible in an emergency

What To Check

- ☐ Correct name and contact information
- ☐ Signed and witnessed properly
- ☐ Copies given to doctor and hospital
- ☐ Family knows where original is kept

Common Problems

- ☐ No one can find the document
- ☐ Agent is unavailable or unaware
- ☐ Family members disagree
- ☐ Document is outdated after major changes

Family Step

- ☐ Place copy in emergency binder
- ☐ Give copy to healthcare providers
- ☐ Discuss wishes before crisis
- ☐ Ask legal professional if unsure

Free local senior care guidance for families

Questions about home care, assisted living, memory care, or care transitions? Contact Dave Hood at 508-965-0989 | caregiverbinder.net

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