**MEDICAL POWER OF ATTORNEY**

**State:** [STATE]

**Information About the Principal**

Principal’s Full Name: [NAME]

Principal’s Address: [ADDRESS]

Principal’s Phone: [NUMBER]

Principals DOB: [DOB]

Principal’s Email Address: [EMAIL]

**Health Care Agent**

Agent’s Full Name: [NAME]

Agent’s Address: [ADDRESS]

Agent’s Phone: [NUMBER]

Agent’s DOB: [DOB]

Agent’s Email Address: [EMAIL]

**Back-up Agents**

Back-up Agent’s Full Name: [NAME]

Back-up Agent’s Address: [ADDRESS]

Back-up Agent’s Phone: [NUMBER]

Back-up Agent’s DOB: [DOB]

Back-up Agent’s Email Address: [EMAIL]

If the first two agents are not willing or able to act for any reason, then my next choice is:

**Second Back-up Agents**

Second Back-up Agent’s Full Name: [NAME]

Second Back-up Agent’s Address: [ADDRESS]

Second Back-up Agent’s Phone: [NUMBER]

Second Back-up Agent’s DOB: [DOB]

Second Back-up Agent’s Email Address: [EMAIL]

**Agent’s Powers**

1. My agent knows my goals and wishes based on our conversations and on any other guidance I may have written. My agent has full authority to make decisions for me about my health care according to my wishes. If the choice I would make is unclear, then my agent will decide based on what they believe to be in my best interests. My agent’s authority to interpret my wishes is intended to be as broad as possible, and includes the following authority: [INSERT THOSE THAT APPLY]

[To agree to, refuse, or withdraw consent to any type of medical care, treatment, surgical procedures, tests, or medications. This includes decisions about using mechanical or other procedures that affect any bodily function, such as artificial respiration, artificially supplied nutrition and hydration for example, tube feeding, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, or other forms of medical support, even if deciding to stop or withhold treatment could or would result in my death.]

[To authorize my admission to or discharge (against medical advice, if necessary) from any hospital, nursing home, residential care, assisted-living or similar facility or service.]

[To hire and fire medical, social service, and other support personnel who are responsible for my care.]

[To contract for any health care-related service or facility for me, or apply for public or private health care benefits. My agent is not personally financially responsible for those contracts.]

[To have access to medical records and information to the same extent that I am entitled to, including the right to disclose health information to others.]

[To authorize my participation in medical research related to my medical condition.]

[To decide about organ and tissue donations, autopsy, and the disposition of my remains as the law permits.]

[To agree to or refuse using any medication or procedure aimed to relieve pain or discomfort, even though that use may lead to physical damage or dependence or hasten my death.]

[To take any other action necessary to do what I authorize here, including signing waivers or other documents, pursuing any dispute resolution process, or taking legal action in my name.]

**Special Instructions**

1. [INSERT SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS]

**Effective Date**

1. This Power of Attorney will become effective during any time in which, in the opinion of my agent and attending physician, I am unable to make or communicate a choice about a particular health care decision.

**Other Provisions**

1. Health care providers can rely on my agent**.**
2. No one who relies in good faith on any representations by my agent or back-up agent will be liable to me, my estate, my heirs, or assigns, for recognizing the agent's authority.
3. I cancel any previous power of attorney for health care that I may have signed.
4. I intend this power of attorney to be universal; it is valid in any jurisdiction in which it is presented.
5. My agent will not be entitled to compensation for services performed under this power of attorney, but he or she will be entitled to reimbursement for all reasonable expenses that result from carrying out any provision of this power of attorney.
6. I intend that copies of this document are as effective as the original.

**SIGNATURE**

I understand the contents of this document and the effect of granting powers to my agent.

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| **Principal's** Signature |  |  |

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| **Principal's** Name |  |  |

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**A Statement by Your Witnesses**

I declare that I personally know you, the person who signed this document, or I have adequate proof of your identity, and that you signed or acknowledged this Power of Attorneyin front of me, and that you appear to be of sound mind and under no duress, fraud, or undue influence.

I am an adult and am not any of the following:

1. Appointed as your agent or back-up agent.
2. Related to you by blood, marriage, domestic partnership, or adoption, nor a spouse of any such person.
3. An employee of your health care provider.
4. Your health care provider, including the owner or operator of a health, long-term care, or other residential or community care facility serving you.
5. A creditor of yours or entitled to any part of your estate under a will or codicil, trust, insurance policy, or by operation of intestate succession laws.
6. Entitled to benefit financially in any other way after you die.
7. Financially responsible for your health care.
8. An employee of your life or health insurance provider.

**SIGNATURE**

**First Witness**

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| **Witness**Signature | Date | | |
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**Second Witness**

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**NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PRINCIPAL**

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County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   )

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this [DATE] by the undersigned witnesses, [NAME], and [NAME], who are personally known to me or satisfactorily proven to me to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument.

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Signature

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Notary Public

My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**NOTARY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF WITNESSES**

**State of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_     )**

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**County of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   )**

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**Signature**

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**Notary Public**

**My Commission Expires: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**