POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTH CARE

Instructions
You made your **Power of Attorney for Health Care** document.
Here's what to do next.

STEP 1 – Review and Print
Review your choices. Make sure names, phone numbers, and addresses are correct. Print your forms. Do not sign yet.

STEP 2 – Sign with Witnesses and a Notary
Sign and date the last page in front of your witnesses and, if possible, a notary. Write the date next to your signature. Your witnesses and notary must see you sign it, and they must also sign it right after you do. Illinois only requires you to have one witness. However, having two witnesses and getting your document notarized can help ensure your Power of Attorney is followed everywhere.

STEP 3 – Make Copies
Give one copy to your agent and keep one for yourself. Keep the original in a safe place. Make sure your agent knows where the original is.

Note: Your agent can use a digital copy of the Power of Attorney for Health Care on their phone or tablet. They can take clear pictures of each page once it has been signed and witnessed.

STEP 4 – Share It
Give copies to anyone else who should know, like:
• Your primary care doctor
• In-home caretaker
• Assisted living care team

* If you change anything on the printed form, write your initials next to the change. Or, use this program again to make a new one and follow the same steps.

Who can be a witness?
• A neighbor
• Someone from your community (like your church or senior center)
• A bank teller or other staff at the notary location (not the notary themselves)

Who cannot be a witness?
• Your doctor
• Your family member
• Your agent or successor (back up) agent
• Your agent or successor agent's family member
• Anyone who helped make this document

Where can I find a notary?
• Search online for notaries in your zip code. Common places:
  – Banks
  – UPS stores
  – Libraries

Learn more about your Power of Attorney for Health Care at:
https://www.illinoislegalaid.org/legal-information/power-attorney-health-care-common-questions