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| Get a Delegation of Parental Authority |

Congratulations {{ users }}! You have finished all the forms you need to get a Delegation of Parental Authority (DPA). The rest of the pages in this packet are your completed delegation of parental authority.

## Next steps

1. Look over the DPA form below, one more time. Make sure everything is correct.
2. Sign the DPA form when you are ready.
3. **Keep a copy for yourself.**
4. Make sure the person who will care for your child has access to the original signed copy.

## Do I need signatures from a notary and witnesses?

Michigan law says a Delegation of Parental Authority is **valid without a notary’s signature or witnesses’ signatures**.

However, some doctors, schools, or others may be more likely to accept it if the form is notarized and witnessed.

If you are having your form notarized:

* Do not sign the form until you are in front of the notary.
* Bring two witnesses with you.
* Sign the form in front of the witnesses and notary.
* Have your witnesses also sign in front of the notary.
* Finally, the notary will complete their portion.

## Learn more

Visit **https://michiganlegalhelp.org/resources/family/giving-someone-else-parental-authority-over-your-child-short-term-parental-power-of-attorney**

or use the QR code below:

