



Documents to Help You Plan For Medical and Other Emergencies

Here is a Packet of documents that every person should consider completing. But *especially with the Covid19 pandemic*, every person should consider completing these documents to express their wishes should they become ill. Unfortunately, many people who come down with Covid 19 become very ill very quickly. By the time you think you may need to have completed these documents, you could be unable to do so. Look them over and consider signing them soon.

1) Consent for Release of Information In The Event Of Serious Illness, Incapacitation or Death

This release helps you tell the program what information they can share, when they can share and who they can share it with. You can revoke it at any time.

2) Advance Directives – Medical Power of Attorney and Living Will

This is a standard packet from the Ohio State Bar Association of forms for you to declare who can make medical decisions for you, and what your wishes are for being resuscitated, etc. There is also a Living Will. You can sign some of these documents, none of these documents or all of them.

This does not have to be notarized if you have a witness sign it; if there are no witnesses then it can be notarized.

3) Power of Attorney

This is a document that specifies a person you would want to act as your power of attorney, and it mostly covers financial issues. See on page 4 where you can write in other special instructions. We have included a sentence that limits this Power of Attorney form to when you would be hospitalized.

This has to be notarized.

4) Emergencies for Youth in Shelter

This is a document that details what you want around issues with your children in shelter.

For all of these forms:

- Tell someone where you keep them.
- You can ask the shelter to keep a copy for you.
- You can use some but not all of these forms. They are offered to you to choose from.

