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About Some Practical Documents

Durable Financial Power of Attorney can be very effective for you and your loved ones in the event of incapacity. Durable Financial Power of Attorney lists the persons you trust to appoint as your Agents to make financial decisions for you when you cannot make those decisions for yourself. Durable Financial Power of Attorney can be drafted to take effect immediately upon signing or only after you become incapacitated. You can give your Agents the power to handle all of your finances or just limited authority. Your Agents must act in your best interests. You can revoke your Durable Financial Power of Attorney at any time during your life as long as you are mentally competent.

Health Care Power of Attorney can be beneficial during your life, especially when preparing for a major hospital procedure. Health Care Power of Attorney lists the persons you trust to appoint as your Agents to make health care decisions for you when you cannot make those decisions for yourself. Health Care Power of Attorney takes effect only when you become incapacitated. Health Care Power of Attorney requires your Agents to make health care decisions consistent with your wishes. Health Care Power of Attorney will not overrule your Living Will Declaration, if you have both documents. You can revoke or change your Health Care Power of Attorney at any time during your life.

Living Will Declaration is different from Health Care Power of Attorney. Living Will Declaration becomes effective only when you are terminally ill or permanently unconscious. Living Will

Declaration documents your wish that life-support technology, including artificially or technologically supplied food and water, be used or not used if you are unable to make informed medical decisions and are terminally ill or permanently unconscious. Living Will Declaration does not affect the responsibility of health care personnel to provide comfort care to you. Comfort care means any measure taken to diminish pain or discomfort, but not to postpone death. In the Living Will Declaration you can also list the people you would like notified if it is determined that life-support technology should not be used. Living Will Declaration also allows you to make anatomical gifts of organs or tissues upon your death. You can revoke your Living Will Declaration at any time during your life.

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