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SENIOR INTELLIGENCE™ ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

POWER OF ATTORNEY	HEALTH CARE PROXY
A legal document that authorizes someone you appoint (your “agent”) to act on your behalf regarding your property, investments, insurance, taxes, and other business, personal, or financial matters.	A legal document that authorizes someone you appoint (your “agent”) to make decisions regarding your health and medical needs , but only if you lack the capacity to express your own decisions.
In New York, you may appoint one or more agents to act jointly or separately. It is often wise to appoint a successor agent to act should your primary agent(s) become unavailable.	In New York, you may appoint only one agent to act . It is prudent to appoint an alternate agent to act should your primary agent become unavailable.
Agents are legally required to act according to your instructions . If there are no instructions, the agent must always act in your best interests .	It is critical for your health care agent to understand your wishes concerning your medical and health care, as it is your agent’s duty to express those wishes for you when you cannot do so .
If you lose the capacity to act on your own behalf, this document will likely be extremely important for managing your financial affairs, and obtaining long term care if needed.	Upon your loss of capacity or inability to act, this document allows your agent to make medical decisions you would have made if you had capacity .

DO YOU WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Talk to an attorney at Lamson & Cutner, P.C., to learn more about advance directives.

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