

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR REPRESENTATION AGREEMENT FOR HEALTH CARE
(AND IN SOME CASES ROUTINE FINANCIAL MATTERS)**

Some things you should know before getting started:

- The Representation Agreement is no longer valid if the Representative, dies, becomes incompetent or resigns;
- The Representative can make health care and personal care decisions for you, or assist you with those decisions.
- The Representative must act in the best interests of the Adult and use any instructions or known beliefs or wishes as a guide as far as practicable. (those instructions, when in writing, are often referred to as a Health Care Directive, or Instructions for my Representative)
- Some people may want to give their Representative(s) authority to override their decisions, especially those with bi-polar conditions or schizophrenia. Please let us know if you want this authority in your agreement.
- A Power of Attorney can only be used for financial and business purposes.
- An enhanced Representation Agreement can only be used for health care and personal care decisions.
- A Standard Representation Agreement is for **ROUTINE** management of financial matters and **ROUTINE** health care decisions, and is generally used for people who may not have capacity to do a Power of Attorney. The Notary will interview you and help you decide which agreement is best suited to your needs.

Your Full Legal
Name(s):

Occupation:

Your Address:

Telephone Number:

The person(s) who will be your Representative:

Full Legal Name:	
Occupation:	
Relationship to you:	
Address:	

If you wish to appoint more than one Representative, please indicate the person's information below:

2 nd Representative's Full Legal Name:	
Occupation:	
Relationship to you:	
Address:	

3 rd Representative's Full Legal Name:	
Occupation:	
Relationship to you:	
Address:	

Do you want multiple Representatives to be able to act separately / must act together (circle one)?

Bear in mind if they must act together, if one of them becomes incapable or dies, the document would then be void and you might not be competent at the time to make a new Representation Agreement.

If they must act together, under what circumstances would one Representative be authorized to act alone (tick applicable boxes)

- One of the Representatives dies
- One of the Representatives becomes incapable or very ill
- One of the Representatives moves away
- If one refuses to act

Where there are multiple Representatives, indicate how you would like your Representatives to resolve a conflict?

- Consult a notary or lawyer
- Consult a family friend (name) _____
- Consult another professional (name) _____

PLEASE INITIAL IN THE BOX DEPENDING ON YOUR CHOICE FOR THE CHART BELOW.

Question	Yes	No
Do you want your Representative to be able to act despite any subsequent mental infirmity on your part?		
Do you want your Representative to be able to help make decisions about where you might live if you cannot remain in your home.		
Do you want your Representative to be able to make, or continue to make charitable donations or gifts to family if you are incapable?		
Do you want your Representative to be able to distribute personal effects prior to your death, should you become incapable and are subsequently living in a care facility?		
If yes, have you made up a memorandum to identify who should get certain items? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		

IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS TO GO IN YOUR REPRESENTATION AGREEMENT SUCH AS INSTRUCTIONS FOR ACCEPTANCE OR REFUSAL OF BLOOD PRODUCTS, AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE, INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING ORGAN DONATIONS ETC... PLEASE INDICATE BELOW.

Sometimes the duties of the Representative can be a heavy load and can require many hours of visits, consultations with medical professionals, taking you to the doctor and other appointments and keeping records. Do you want your Representative(s) to be paid for this time? Yes No

If yes indicate:

- Out of Pocket expenses only (ferries, airfares, long distance, etc)
- A reasonable hourly rate for time spent on your behalf (currently \$_____)
- A fee arrangement (generally for professionals) based on
 - Capital fee of ___% of value of trust property, and
 - An annual income fee of ___% of income earned, and
 - An annual care and management fee of ___% calculated on the average value of the trust property.

- You have the option of appointing a Monitor. The Monitor is someone who will review the activities of the Representative and report any concerns to the Public Guardian and Trustee. Would you like to appoint a Monitor in your agreement? YES NO

If yes,

The person(s) who will be your Monitor:

Full Legal Name:	
Occupation:	
Relationship to you:	
Address:	

- Do you want your monitor to be paid ? YES NO

If you have a fee agreement with a professional, please be sure to bring it with you to the interview.

Please drop off, email or fax this form to our office and we will call you for an appointment to sign the document.

Here are the pertinent sections of the Representation Agreement Act for your review:

Section 16 of the Representation Agreement Act for information

Duties of Representatives

- (1) A representative must
 - (a) act honestly and in good faith,
 - (b) exercise the care, diligence and skill of a reasonably prudent person, and
 - (c) act within the authority given in the representation agreement.
- (2) When helping the adult to make decisions or when making decisions on behalf of the adult, a representative must
 - (a) consult, to the greatest extent possible, with the adult to determine his or her current wishes, and
 - (b) comply with those wishes if it is practicable to do so.
- (2.1) Subsection (2) does not apply if
 - (a) a representative is acting within authority given to the representative under section 9, and
 - (b) the representation agreement provides that in exercising that authority the representative need only comply with any instructions or wishes the adult expressed while capable.
- (3) If subsection (2) applies but the adult's current wishes cannot be determined or it is not reasonable to comply with them, the representative must comply with any instructions or wishes the adult expressed while he or she was capable.
- (4) If the adult's instructions or expressed wishes are not known, the representative must act
 - (a) on the basis of the adult's known beliefs and values, or
 - (b) in the adult's best interests, if his or her beliefs and values are not known.
- (5) On application by a representative, the court may exempt the representative from the duty under subsection (3) to comply with any instructions or wishes the adult expressed while he or she was capable.
- (6) Subject to subsection (6.1), a representative may not delegate any authority given to the representative in the representation agreement.
- (6.1) A representative may delegate to a qualified investment specialist, including a mutual fund manager, all or part of the representative's authority with respect to investment matters.
- (7) Section 19 (3) of the *Health Care (Consent) and Care Facility (Admission) Act* applies when a representative makes health care decisions on behalf of an adult.
- (8) A representative must
 - (a) keep accounts and other records concerning the exercise of the representative's authority under the representation agreement, and
 - (b) Produce the accounts and other records for inspection and copying at the request of any or all of the following:
 - (i) the adult;
 - (ii) the adult's monitor
 - (iii) the Public Guardian and Trustee
- (9) A representative who is required to do anything referred to in section 7(1)(b) or 9(1)(g) must keep the adult's assets separate from the representative's assets.
- (10) Unless the representation agreement provides otherwise, subsection (9) does not apply to assets that
 - (a) are owned by the adult and the representative as joint tenants, or
 - (b) have been substituted for, or derived from, assets that were owned by the adult and the representative as joint tenants.
- (11) not in effect as of Sept. 1, 2001.
- (12) A person who, on the death of an adult, will be or might be a beneficiary of the adult's estate does not, for that reason, have a conflict of interest with the adult.

Section 3.1 of the Representation Agreement Act for information

Care Records of Representatives

- 1) This section applies to a representative who has authority over an adult's personal care or health care, as applicable.
- 2) Subject to subsection (3), a representative must keep the following records in relation to the period for which the representative is acting:
 - (a) except as set out in the representation agreement, a copy of any record made by the adult of the adult's instructions, wishes, beliefs and values within the meaning of section 16 of the Act;
 - (b) if, since the date the representation agreement was made, the adult's residence changes or there is a material change in the needs of the adult with respect to personal care or health care, information respecting the nature of the change and the decision made by the representative in respect of it;
 - (c) if the representative made on behalf of the adult a decision respecting
 - (i) major health care within the meaning of the *Health Care (Consent) and Care Facility (Admission) Act*, or
 - (ii) the admission of the adult to, or the adult's continued residence in, a care facility within the meaning of the *Health Care (Consent) and Care Facility (Admission) Act*,a description of the decision made and the date on which it was made;
 - (d) if the representative restricts a person from contacting or association with the adult, information respecting the nature of the restriction and the decision made by the representative in respect of it;
 - (e) if the adult was physically restrained, moved or managed, under authority granted under the representation agreement and section 9(1)(b)(viii) of the Act or another enactment, a description of who physically restrained, moved or managed the adult and why.
- 3) If an adult, in a representation agreement made under section 9 of the Act, states that the adult's representative is not required to keep one or more of the records described in subsection (2), subsection (2) does not apply to the extent described in the representation agreement.

STANDARD PROVISIONS

Section 7 of the *Representation Agreement Act* for information

7 (1) In a representation agreement made under this section, an adult may authorize his or her representative to help the adult make decisions, or to make decisions on behalf of the adult, about any or all of the following:

(a) the adult's personal care;

(b) routine management of the adult's financial affairs, including, subject to the regulations,

(i) payment of bills,

(ii) receipt and deposit of pension and other income,

(iii) purchases of food, accommodation and other services necessary for personal care, and

(iv) the making of investments;

(c) major health care and minor health care, as defined in the *Health Care (Consent) and Care Facility (Admission) Act*, but not including the kinds of health care prescribed under section 34 (2) (f) of that Act;

(d) obtaining legal services for the adult and instructing counsel to commence proceedings, except divorce proceedings, or to continue, compromise, defend or settle any legal proceedings on the adult's behalf.

(2) An adult may authorize a representative under subsection (1) (a) to accept a facility care proposal under the *Health Care (Consent) and Care Facility (Admission) Act* for the adult's admission to a care facility, but only if the facility is

(a) a family care home,

(b) a group home for the mentally handicapped, or

(c) a mental health boarding home.

(2.1) A representative may not be authorized under this section

(a) to help make, or to make on the adult's behalf, a decision to refuse health care necessary to preserve life, or

(b) despite the objection of the adult, to physically restrain, move or manage the adult, or authorize another person to do these things.

(3) [Repealed 2001-2-29.]

NON-STANDARD PROVISIONS

Section 9 of the *Representation Agreement Act* for information

- (1) In a representation agreement made under this section, an adult may, subject to subsections (2) and (3), authorize his or her representative to
- a) Do anything that the representative considers necessary in relation to the personal care or health care of the adult, or
 - b) Do one or more things, including any of the following:
 - i. Decide where the adult is to live and with whom, including whether the adult should live in a care facility;
 - ii. Decide whether the adult should work and, if so, the type of work, the employer, and any related matters;
 - iii. Decide whether the adult should participate in any educational, social, vocational or other activity;
 - iv. decide whether the adult should have contact or associate with another person;
 - v. decide whether the adult should apply for any licence, permit, approval or other authorization required by law for the performance of an activity;
 - vi. make day-to-day decisions on behalf of the adult, including decisions about the diet or dress of the adult;
 - vii. give or refuse consent to health care for the adult, including giving or refusing consent, in the circumstances specified in the agreement, to specified kinds of health care, even though the adult refuses to give consent at the time the health care is provided;
 - viii. despite any objection of the adult, physically restrain, move and manage the adult and authorize another person to do these things, if necessary to provide personal care or health care to the adult.
- (2) Unless expressly provided for in a representation agreement made under this section, a representative must not
- a) Give or refuse consent on the adult's behalf to any type of health care prescribed under section 34(2)(f) of the *Health Care (Consent) and Care Facility (Admission) Act*,
 - b) Make arrangements for the temporary care and education of the adult's minor children, or any other persons who are cared for or supported by the adult, or
 - c) Interfere with the adult's religious practices.
- (3) In a representation agreement made under this section, if a representative is provided the power to give or refuse consent to health care for the adult, the representative may give or refuse consent to health care necessary to preserve life.