

SENATE BILL NO. 121—COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

(ON BEHALF OF THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE NEEDS RELATED
TO THE BEHAVIORAL AND COGNITIVE CARE OF OLDER PERSONS)

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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions relating to fiduciaries.
(BDR 13-99)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: May have Fiscal Impact.
Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to fiduciaries; adopting a power of attorney for health care decisions for persons with any form of dementia; revising provisions relating to the authority of a principal under a power of attorney; revising provisions governing the authority of public guardians to conduct certain investigations; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel's Digest:

Existing law sets forth provisions governing durable powers of attorney for health care decisions. (NRS 162A.700-162A.865) Existing law specifically provides a form for a power of attorney for health care decisions and a form for a power of attorney for health care decisions for adults with intellectual disabilities. (NRS 162A.860, 162A.865) **Section 1** of this bill provides a form for a power of attorney for health care decisions for persons with any form of dementia that is based on the form for a power of attorney for health care decisions for adults with intellectual disabilities. **Sections 4, 5 and 6** of this bill make conforming changes.

Sections 2 and 3 of this bill specify that a person who has executed a power of attorney for financial matters continues to have the authority to act on his or her own behalf and that any decision or instruction communicated by that person supersedes any decision or instruction communicated by an agent appointed under the power of attorney, unless the power of attorney removes this authority.

Existing law authorizes a public guardian to: (1) investigate the financial status, assets and personal and family history of any person for whom the public guardian has been appointed as guardian, without hiring or being licensed as a private investigator in accordance with existing law; and (2) require any person for whom the public guardian has been appointed as guardian or any spouse, parent, child or



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other relative of that person to give any information or execute any written requests or authorizations necessary to provide the public guardian with access to records needed by the public guardian. **Section 7** of this bill authorizes the public guardian to take these actions with respect to any potential protected person for whom the public guardian has received a referral from the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services, a law enforcement agency or a court in connection with a civil or criminal matter relating to the potential protected person.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Chapter 162A of NRS is hereby amended by adding thereto a new section to read as follows:

1. The form of a power of attorney for health care for an adult with any form of dementia may be substantially in the following form, and must be witnessed or executed in the same manner as the following form:

**DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR HEALTH CARE DECISIONS**

My name is (insert your name) and my address is (insert your address). I would like to designate (insert the name of the person you wish to designate as your agent for health care decisions for you) as my agent for health care decisions for me if I am sick or hurt and need to see a doctor or go to the hospital. I understand what this means.

If I am sick or hurt, my agent should take me to the doctor. If my agent is not with me when I become sick or hurt, please contact my agent and ask him or her to come to the doctor's office. I would like the doctor to speak with my agent and, if I have the capacity to understand, me about my sickness or injury and whether I need any medicine or other treatment. After we speak with the doctor, if I have the capacity to understand, I would like my agent to speak with me about the care or treatment. When we have made decisions about the care or treatment, my agent will tell the doctor about our decisions and sign any necessary papers.

If I am very sick or hurt, I may need to go to the hospital. I would like my agent to help me decide if I need to go to the hospital. If I go to the hospital, I would like the people who work at the hospital to try very hard to care for me. If I am able to communicate, I would like the doctor at the hospital to speak with me and my agent about what care or treatment



I should receive, even if I am unable to understand what is being said about me. After we speak with the doctor, I would like my agent to help me decide what care or treatment I should receive. Once we decide, my agent will sign any necessary paperwork. If I am unable to communicate because of my illness or injury, I would like my agent to make decisions about my care or treatment based on what he or she thinks I would do and what is best for me.

I would like my agent to help me decide if I need to see a dentist and help me make decisions about what care or treatment I should receive from the dentist. Once we decide, my agent will sign any necessary paperwork.

I would also like my agent to be able to see and have copies of all my medical records. If my agent requests to see or have copies of my medical records, please allow him or her to see or have copies of the records.

I understand that my agent cannot make me receive any care or treatment that I do not want. I also understand that I can take away this power from my agent at any time, either by telling my agent that he or she is no longer my agent or by putting it in writing.

If my agent is unable to make health care decisions for me, then I designate (insert the name of another person you wish to designate as your alternative agent to make health care decisions for you) as my agent to make health care decisions for me as authorized in this document.

(YOU MUST DATE AND SIGN THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY)

I sign my name to this Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care on (date) at (city), (state)

.....
(Signature)

AGENT SIGNATURE

As agent for (insert name of principal), I agree that a physician, health care facility or other provider of health care, acting in good faith, may rely on this power of attorney for health care and the signatures herein, and I understand that pursuant to NRS 162A.815, a physician, health care facility or other provider of health care that in



1 *good faith accepts an acknowledged power of attorney for*
2 *health care is not subject to civil or criminal liability or*
3 *discipline for unprofessional conduct for giving effect to a*
4 *declaration contained within the power of attorney for*
5 *health care or for following the direction of an agent named*
6 *in the power of attorney for health care.*

7 *I also agree that:*

8 *1. I have a duty to act in a manner consistent with the*
9 *desires of (insert name of principal) as stated in this*
10 *document or otherwise made known by (insert name*
11 *of principal), or if his or her desires are unknown, to act in*
12 *his or her best interest.*

13 *2. If (insert name of principal) revokes this*
14 *power of attorney at any time, either verbally or in writing, I*
15 *have a duty to inform any persons who may rely on this*
16 *document, including, without limitation, treating*
17 *physicians, hospital staff or other providers of health care,*
18 *that I no longer have the authorities described in this*
19 *document.*

20 *3. The provisions of NRS 162A.840 prohibit me from*
21 *being named as an agent to make health care decisions in*
22 *this document if I am a provider of health care, an employee*
23 *of the principal's provider of health care or an operator or*
24 *employee of a health care facility caring for the principal,*
25 *unless I am the spouse, legal guardian or next of kin of the*
26 *principal.*

27 *4. The provisions of NRS 162A.850 prohibit me from*
28 *consenting to the following types of care or treatments on*
29 *behalf of the principal, including, without limitation:*

30 *(a) Commitment or placement of the principal in a*
31 *facility for treatment of mental illness;*

32 *(b) Convulsive treatment;*

33 *(c) Psychosurgery;*

34 *(d) Sterilization;*

35 *(e) Abortion;*

36 *(f) Aversive intervention, as it is defined in*
37 *NRS 449A.203;*

38 *(g) Experimental medical, biomedical or behavioral*
39 *treatment, or participation in any medical, biomedical or*
40 *behavioral research program; or*

41 *(h) Any other care or treatment to which the principal*
42 *prohibits the agent from consenting in this document.*

43 *5. End-of-life decisions must be made according to the*
44 *wishes of (insert name of principal), as designated in*
45 *the attached addendum. If his or her wishes are not known,*



Signature: Residence Address:
 Print Name:
 Date:
 Relationship to principal:
 Length of relationship to principal:

(THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY WILL NOT BE VALID FOR MAKING HEALTH CARE DECISIONS UNLESS IT IS EITHER (1) SIGNED BY AT LEAST TWO QUALIFIED WITNESSES WHO YOU KNOW AND WHO ARE PRESENT WHEN YOU SIGN OR ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR SIGNATURE OR (2) ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC.)

(You may use acknowledgment before a notary public instead of the statement of witnesses.)

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On this day of, in the year, before me, (here insert name of notary public) personally appeared (here insert name of principal) personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument, and acknowledged that he or she executed it. I declare under penalty of perjury that the person whose name is ascribed to this instrument appears to be of sound mind and under no duress, fraud or undue influence.

NOTARY SEAL
(Signature)

STATEMENT OF WITNESSES

(If you choose to use witnesses instead of having this document notarized, you must use two qualified adult witnesses. The following people cannot be used as a witness:



(1) a person you designate as the agent; (2) a provider of health care; (3) an employee of a provider of health care; (4) the operator of a health care facility; or (5) an employee of an operator of a health care facility. At least one of the witnesses must make the additional declaration set out following the place where the witnesses sign.)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the principal is personally known to me, that the principal signed or acknowledged this durable power of attorney in my presence, that the principal appears to be of sound mind and under no duress, fraud or undue influence, that I am not the person appointed as agent by this document and that I am not a provider of health care, an employee of a provider of health care, the operator of a health care facility or an employee of an operator of a health care facility.

Signature: Residence Address:

Print Name:

Date:

Signature: Residence Address:

Print Name:

Date:

(AT LEAST ONE OF THE ABOVE WITNESSES
MUST ALSO SIGN THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION.)

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am not related to the principal by blood, marriage or adoption and that to the best of my knowledge, I am not entitled to any part of the estate of the principal upon the death of the principal under a will now existing or by operation of law.

Signature:

Signature:

Names: Address:

Print Name:

Date:

COPIES: You should retain an executed copy of this document and give one to your agent. The power of attorney



1 *should be available so a copy may be given to your providers*
2 *of health care.*

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4 2. *The form for end-of-life decisions of a power of attorney*
5 *for health care for an adult with any form of dementia may be*
6 *substantially in the following form, and must be witnessed or*
7 *executed in the same manner as the following form:*

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9 **END-OF-LIFE DECISIONS ADDENDUM**
10 **STATEMENT OF DESIRES**

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12 *(You can, but are not required to, state what you want to*
13 *happen if you get very sick and are not likely to get well.*
14 *You do not have to complete this form, but if you do, your*
15 *agent must do as you ask if you cannot speak for yourself.)*

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17 *(Insert name of agent) might have to decide, if*
18 *you get very sick, whether to continue with your medicine or*
19 *to stop your medicine, even if it means you might not live,*
20 *(Insert name of agent) will talk to you to find*
21 *out what you want to do, and will follow your wishes.*

22
23 *If you are not able to talk to (insert name of*
24 *agent), you can help him or her make these decisions for*
25 *you by letting your agent know what you want.*

26
27 *Here are your choices. Please circle yes or no to each of the*
28 *following statements and sign your name below:*

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30 1. *I want to take all the medicine*
31 *and receive any treatment I can to keep*
32 *me alive regardless of how the*
33 *medicine or treatment makes me feel.* YES NO

34 2. *I do not want to take medicine*
35 *or receive treatment if my doctors think*
36 *that the medicine or treatment will not*
37 *help me.* YES NO

38 3. *I do not want to take medicine*
39 *or receive treatment if I am very sick*
40 *and suffering and the medicine or*
41 *treatment will not help me get better.* YES NO

42 4. *I want to get food and water*
43 *even if I do not want to take medicine*
44 *or receive treatment.* YES NO



(Signature)

***CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT
OF NOTARY PUBLIC***

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On this day of, in the year ..., before me, (here insert name of notary public) personally appeared (here insert name of principal) personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument, and acknowledged that he or she executed it. I declare under penalty of perjury that the person whose name is ascribed to this instrument appears to be of sound mind and under no duress, fraud or undue influence.

(Signature)

(If you choose to use witnesses instead of having this document notarized, you must use two qualified adult witnesses. The following people cannot be used as a witness: (1) a person you designate as the agent; (2) a provider of



health care; (3) an employee of a provider of health care; (4) the operator of a health care facility; or (5) an employee of an operator of a health care facility. At least one of the witnesses must make the additional declaration set out following the place where the witnesses sign.)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the principal is personally known to me, that the principal signed or acknowledged this End-of-Life Decisions Addendum in my presence, that the principal appears to be of sound mind and under no duress, fraud or undue influence, that I am not the person appointed as agent by the power of attorney for health care and that I am not a provider of health care, an employee of a provider of health care, the operator of a health care facility or an employee of an operator of a health care facility.

Signature: Residence Address:

Print Name:

Date:

Signature: Residence Address:

Print Name:

Date:

(AT LEAST ONE OF THE ABOVE WITNESSES
MUST ALSO SIGN THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION.)

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am not related to the principal by blood, marriage or adoption and that to the best of my knowledge, I am not entitled to any part of the estate of the principal upon the death of the principal under a will now existing or by operation of law.

Signature:

Signature:

Names: Address:

Print Name:

Date:

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Decisions Addendum should be available so a copy may be given to your providers of health care.

Sec. 2. NRS 162A.460 is hereby amended to read as follows:

162A.460 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 162A.450, if a power of attorney grants to an agent authority to do all acts that a principal could do or refers to general authority or cites a section of NRS 162A.200 to 162A.660, inclusive, in which the authority is described, the agent has the general authority described in NRS 162A.200 to 162A.660, inclusive.

2. A reference in a power of attorney to any part of a section in NRS 162A.200 to 162A.660, inclusive, incorporates the entire section as if it were set out in full in the power of attorney.

3. A principal may modify authority incorporated by reference.

4. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 162A.450, if the subjects over which authority is granted in a power of attorney are similar or overlap, the broadest authority controls.

5. Authority granted in a power of attorney is exercisable with respect to property that the principal has when the power of attorney is executed or acquires later, whether or not the property is located in this State and whether or not the authority is exercised or the power of attorney is executed in this State.

6. An act performed by an agent pursuant to a power of attorney has the same effect and inures to the benefit of and binds the principal and the principal's successors in interest as if the principal had performed the act.

7. Except as otherwise expressly provided in a power of attorney, the authority of a principal to act on his or her own behalf continues after executing a power of attorney and any decision or instruction communicated by the principal supersedes any inconsistent decision or instruction communicated by an agent pursuant to a power of attorney.

Sec. 3. NRS 162A.620 is hereby amended to read as follows:

162A.620 A document substantially in the following form may be used to create a statutory form power of attorney that has the meaning and effect prescribed by NRS 162A.200 to 162A.660, inclusive:

STATUTORY FORM POWER OF ATTORNEY

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT LEGAL DOCUMENT. IT
CREATES A DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR
FINANCIAL MATTERS. BEFORE EXECUTING THIS
DOCUMENT, YOU SHOULD KNOW THESE
IMPORTANT FACTS:



1 1. THIS DOCUMENT GIVES THE PERSON YOU
2 DESIGNATE AS YOUR AGENT THE POWER TO MAKE
3 DECISIONS CONCERNING YOUR PROPERTY FOR
4 YOU. YOUR AGENT WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE
5 DECISIONS AND ACT WITH RESPECT TO YOUR
6 PROPERTY (INCLUDING YOUR MONEY) WHETHER
7 OR NOT YOU ARE ABLE TO ACT FOR YOURSELF.

8 2. THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY BECOMES
9 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UNLESS YOU STATE
10 OTHERWISE IN THE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

11 3. THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY DOES NOT
12 AUTHORIZE THE AGENT TO MAKE HEALTH CARE
13 DECISIONS FOR YOU.

14 4. THE PERSON YOU DESIGNATE IN THIS
15 DOCUMENT HAS A DUTY TO ACT CONSISTENT
16 WITH YOUR DESIRES AS STATED IN THIS
17 DOCUMENT OR OTHERWISE MADE KNOWN OR, IF
18 YOUR DESIRES ARE UNKNOWN, TO ACT IN YOUR
19 BEST INTERESTS.

20 5. YOU SHOULD SELECT SOMEONE YOU TRUST
21 TO SERVE AS YOUR AGENT. UNLESS YOU SPECIFY
22 OTHERWISE, GENERALLY THE AGENT'S
23 AUTHORITY WILL CONTINUE UNTIL YOU DIE OR
24 REVOKE THE POWER OF ATTORNEY OR THE AGENT
25 RESIGNS OR IS UNABLE TO ACT FOR YOU.

26 6. YOUR AGENT IS ENTITLED TO REASONABLE
27 COMPENSATION UNLESS YOU STATE OTHERWISE
28 IN THE SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS.

29 7. THIS FORM PROVIDES FOR DESIGNATION OF
30 ONE AGENT. IF YOU WISH TO NAME MORE THAN
31 ONE AGENT YOU MAY NAME A CO-AGENT IN THE
32 SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS. CO-AGENTS ARE NOT
33 REQUIRED TO ACT TOGETHER UNLESS YOU
34 INCLUDE THAT REQUIREMENT IN THE SPECIAL
35 INSTRUCTIONS.

36 8. IF YOUR AGENT IS UNABLE OR UNWILLING
37 TO ACT FOR YOU, YOUR POWER OF ATTORNEY
38 WILL END UNLESS YOU HAVE NAMED A
39 SUCCESSOR AGENT. YOU MAY ALSO NAME A
40 SECOND SUCCESSOR AGENT.

41 9. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REVOKE THE
42 AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE PERSON
43 DESIGNATED IN THIS DOCUMENT.

44 10. THIS DOCUMENT REVOKES ANY PRIOR
45 DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY.



11. IF THERE IS ANYTHING IN THIS DOCUMENT
THAT YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND, YOU SHOULD
ASK A LAWYER TO EXPLAIN IT TO YOU.

1. DESIGNATION OF AGENT.

I,
(insert your name) do hereby designate and appoint:

Name:
Address:
Telephone Number:

as my agent to make decisions for me and in my name, place
and stead and for my use and benefit and to exercise the
powers as authorized in this document.

2. DESIGNATION OF ALTERNATE AGENT.

(You are not required to designate any alternative agent
but you may do so. Any alternative agent you designate will
be able to make the same decisions as the agent designated
above in the event that he or she is unable or unwilling to act
as your agent. Also, if the agent designated in paragraph 1 is
your spouse, his or her designation as your agent is
automatically revoked by law if your marriage is dissolved.)

If my agent is unable or unwilling to act for me, then I
designate the following person(s) to serve as my agent as
authorized in this document, such person(s) to serve in the
order listed below:

A. First Alternative Agent

Name:
Address:
Telephone Number:

B. Second Alternative Agent

Name:
Address:
Telephone Number:

3. OTHER POWERS OF ATTORNEY.

This Power of Attorney is intended to, and does, revoke
any prior Power of Attorney for financial matters I have
previously executed.

4. NOMINATION OF GUARDIAN.

If, after execution of this Power of Attorney, proceedings
seeking an adjudication of incapacity are initiated either for



my estate or my person, I hereby nominate as my guardian or conservator for consideration by the court my agent herein named, in the order named.

5. GRANT OF GENERAL AUTHORITY.

I grant my agent and any successor agent(s) general authority to act for me with respect to the following subjects:

(INITIAL each subject you want to include in the agent's general authority. If you wish to grant general authority over all of the subjects you may initial "All Preceding Subjects" instead of initialing each subject.)

- [.....] Real Property
- [.....] Tangible Personal Property
- [.....] Stocks and Bonds
- [.....] Commodities and Options
- [.....] Banks and Other Financial Institutions
- [.....] Safe Deposit Boxes
- [.....] Operation of Entity or Business
- [.....] Insurance and Annuities
- [.....] Estates, Trusts and Other Beneficial Interests
- [.....] Legal Affairs, Claims and Litigation
- [.....] Personal Maintenance
- [.....] Benefits from Governmental Programs or Civil or Military Service
- [.....] Retirement Plans
- [.....] Taxes
- [.....] All Preceding Subjects

6. GRANT OF SPECIFIC AUTHORITY.

My agent MAY NOT do any of the following specific acts for me UNLESS I have INITIALED the specific authority listed below:

(CAUTION: Granting any of the following will give your agent the authority to take actions that could significantly reduce your property or change how your property is distributed at your death. INITIAL ONLY the specific authority you WANT to give your agent.)

- [.....] Create, amend, revoke or terminate an inter vivos, family, living, irrevocable or revocable trust
- [.....] Make a gift, subject to the limitations of NRS and any special instructions in this Power of Attorney
- [.....] Create or change rights of survivorship



- [.....] Create or change a beneficiary designation
- [.....] Waive the principal's right to be a beneficiary of a joint and survivor annuity, including a survivor benefit under a retirement plan
- [.....] Exercise fiduciary powers that the principal has authority to delegate
- [.....] Disclaim or refuse an interest in property, including a power of appointment

7. LIMITATION ON AGENT'S AUTHORITY.

An agent that is not my spouse MAY NOT use my property to benefit the agent or a person to whom the agent owes an obligation of support unless I have included that authority in the Special Instructions.

8. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS OR OTHER OR ADDITIONAL AUTHORITY GRANTED TO AGENT:

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9. AUTHORITY OF PRINCIPAL.

Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Power of Attorney, the authority of a principal to act on his or her own behalf continues after executing this Power of Attorney and any decision or instruction communicated by the principal supersedes any inconsistent decision or instruction communicated by an agent appointed pursuant to this Power of Attorney.

~~9.~~ 10. DURABILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE.
(INITIAL the clause(s) that applies.)

[.....] DURABLE. This Power of Attorney shall not be affected by my subsequent disability or incapacity.

[.....] SPRINGING POWER. It is my intention and direction that my designated agent, and any person or entity that my designated agent may transact business with on my behalf, may rely on a written medical opinion issued by a licensed medical doctor stating that I am disabled or incapacitated, and incapable of managing my affairs, and that said medical opinion shall establish whether or not I am under a disability for the purpose of establishing the authority of my designated agent to act in accordance with this Power of Attorney.

[.....] I wish to have this Power of Attorney become effective on the following date:



[.....] I wish to have this Power of Attorney end on the following date:

~~[10.]~~ **11. THIRD PARTY PROTECTION.**

Third parties may rely upon the validity of this Power of Attorney or a copy and the representations of my agent as to all matters relating to any power granted to my agent, and no person or agency who relies upon the representation of my agent, or the authority granted by my agent, shall incur any liability to me or my estate as a result of permitting my agent to exercise any power unless a third party knows or has reason to know this Power of Attorney has terminated or is invalid.

~~[11.]~~ **12.** RELEASE OF INFORMATION.

I agree to, authorize and allow full release of information, by any government agency, business, creditor or third party who may have information pertaining to my assets or income, to my agent named herein.

~~[12.]~~ 13. SIGNATURE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

YOU MUST DATE AND SIGN THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY. THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY WILL NOT BE VALID UNLESS IT IS ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC.

I sign my name to this Power of Attorney on
(date) at (city), (state)

(Signature)

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOTARY PUBLIC

(You may use acknowledgment before a notary public instead of the statement of witnesses.)

State of Nevada }
 } ss.
County of }

On this day of, in the year, before me, (here insert name of notary public) personally appeared (here insert name of principal) personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument, and acknowledged that he or



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she executed it. I declare under penalty of perjury that the person whose name is ascribed to this instrument appears to be of sound mind and under no duress, fraud or undue influence.

NOTARY SEAL

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(Signature of Notary Public)

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR AGENT

1. Agent's Duties. When you accept the authority granted under this Power of Attorney, a special legal relationship is created between you and the principal. This relationship imposes upon you legal duties that continue until you resign or the Power of Attorney is terminated or revoked.

You must:

(a) Do what you know the principal reasonably expects you to do with the principal's property or, if you do not know the principal's expectations, act in the principal's best interest;

(b) Act in good faith;

(c) Do nothing beyond the authority granted in this Power of Attorney; and

(d) Disclose your identity as an agent whenever you act for the principal by writing or printing the name of the principal and signing your own name as "agent" in the following manner:

(Principal's Name) by (Your Signature) as Agent

2. Unless the Special Instructions in this Power of Attorney state otherwise, you must also:

(a) Act loyally for the principal's benefit;

(b) Avoid conflicts that would impair your ability to act in the principal's best interest;

(c) Act with care, competence, and diligence;

(d) Keep a record of all receipts, disbursements and transactions made on behalf of the principal;

(e) Cooperate with any person that has authority to make health care decisions for the principal to do what you know the principal reasonably expects or, if you do not know the principal's expectations, to act in the principal's best interest; and

(f) Attempt to preserve the principal's estate plan if you know the plan and preserving the plan is consistent with the principal's best interest.

3. Termination of Agent's Authority. You must stop acting on behalf of the principal if you learn of any event that



terminates this Power of Attorney or your authority under this Power of Attorney. Events that terminate a Power of Attorney or your authority to act under a Power of Attorney include:

- (a) Death of the principal;
- (b) The principal's revocation of the Power of Attorney or your authority;
- (c) The occurrence of a termination event stated in the Power of Attorney;
- (d) The purpose of the Power of Attorney is fully accomplished; or
- (e) If you are married to the principal, your marriage is dissolved.

4. Liability of Agent. The meaning of the authority granted to you is defined in NRS 162A.200 to 162A.660, inclusive. If you violate NRS 162A.200 to 162A.660, inclusive, or act outside the authority granted in this Power of Attorney, you may be liable for any damages caused by your violation.

5. If there is anything about this document or your duties that you do not understand, you should seek legal advice.

Sec. 4. NRS 162A.700 is hereby amended to read as follows:
162A.700 NRS 162A.700 to 162A.865, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act* apply to any power of attorney containing the authority to make health care decisions.

Sec. 5. NRS 162A.710 is hereby amended to read as follows:
162A.710 As used in NRS 162A.700 to 162A.865, inclusive, *and section 1 of this act*, unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined in NRS 162A.720 to 162A.780, inclusive, have the meanings ascribed to them in those sections.

Sec. 6. NRS 162A.860 is hereby amended to read as follows:
162A.860 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 162A.865, *and section 1 of this act*, the form of a power of attorney for health care may be substantially in the following form, and must be witnessed or executed in the same manner as the following form:

DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTH CARE DECISIONS

WARNING TO PERSON EXECUTING THIS DOCUMENT

THIS IS AN IMPORTANT LEGAL DOCUMENT. IT CREATES A DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTH CARE. BEFORE EXECUTING THIS DOCUMENT, YOU SHOULD KNOW THESE IMPORTANT FACTS:



1 1. THIS DOCUMENT GIVES THE PERSON YOU
2 DESIGNATE AS YOUR AGENT THE POWER TO MAKE
3 HEALTH CARE DECISIONS FOR YOU. THIS POWER IS
4 SUBJECT TO ANY LIMITATIONS OR STATEMENT OF
5 YOUR DESIRES THAT YOU INCLUDE IN THIS
6 DOCUMENT. THE POWER TO MAKE HEALTH CARE
7 DECISIONS FOR YOU MAY INCLUDE CONSENT,
8 REFUSAL OF CONSENT OR WITHDRAWAL OF
9 CONSENT TO ANY CARE, TREATMENT, SERVICE OR
10 PROCEDURE TO MAINTAIN, DIAGNOSE OR TREAT A
11 PHYSICAL OR MENTAL CONDITION. YOU MAY
12 STATE IN THIS DOCUMENT ANY TYPES OF
13 TREATMENT OR PLACEMENTS THAT YOU DO NOT
14 DESIRE.

15 2. THE PERSON YOU DESIGNATE IN THIS
16 DOCUMENT HAS A DUTY TO ACT CONSISTENT
17 WITH YOUR DESIRES AS STATED IN THIS
18 DOCUMENT OR OTHERWISE MADE KNOWN OR, IF
19 YOUR DESIRES ARE UNKNOWN, TO ACT IN YOUR
20 BEST INTERESTS.

21 3. EXCEPT AS YOU OTHERWISE SPECIFY IN THIS
22 DOCUMENT, THE POWER OF THE PERSON YOU
23 DESIGNATE TO MAKE HEALTH CARE DECISIONS
24 FOR YOU MAY INCLUDE THE POWER TO CONSENT
25 TO YOUR DOCTOR NOT GIVING TREATMENT OR
26 STOPPING TREATMENT WHICH WOULD KEEP YOU
27 ALIVE.

28 4. UNLESS YOU SPECIFY A SHORTER PERIOD IN
29 THIS DOCUMENT, THIS POWER WILL EXIST
30 INDEFINITELY FROM THE DATE YOU EXECUTE THIS
31 DOCUMENT AND, IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO MAKE
32 HEALTH CARE DECISIONS FOR YOURSELF, THIS
33 POWER WILL CONTINUE TO EXIST UNTIL THE TIME
34 WHEN YOU BECOME ABLE TO MAKE HEALTH CARE
35 DECISIONS FOR YOURSELF.

36 5. NOTWITHSTANDING THIS DOCUMENT, YOU
37 HAVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE MEDICAL AND OTHER
38 HEALTH CARE DECISIONS FOR YOURSELF SO LONG
39 AS YOU CAN GIVE INFORMED CONSENT WITH
40 RESPECT TO THE PARTICULAR DECISION. IN
41 ADDITION, NO TREATMENT MAY BE GIVEN TO YOU
42 OVER YOUR OBJECTION, AND HEALTH CARE
43 NECESSARY TO KEEP YOU ALIVE MAY NOT BE
44 STOPPED IF YOU OBJECT.



6. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REVOKE THE APPOINTMENT OF THE PERSON DESIGNATED IN THIS DOCUMENT TO MAKE HEALTH CARE DECISIONS FOR YOU BY NOTIFYING THAT PERSON OF THE REVOCATION ORALLY OR IN WRITING.

7. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REVOKE THE AUTHORITY GRANTED TO THE PERSON DESIGNATED IN THIS DOCUMENT TO MAKE HEALTH CARE DECISIONS FOR YOU BY NOTIFYING THE TREATING PHYSICIAN, HOSPITAL OR OTHER PROVIDER OF HEALTH CARE ORALLY OR IN WRITING.

8. THE PERSON DESIGNATED IN THIS DOCUMENT TO MAKE HEALTH CARE DECISIONS FOR YOU HAS THE RIGHT TO EXAMINE YOUR MEDICAL RECORDS AND TO CONSENT TO THEIR DISCLOSURE UNLESS YOU LIMIT THIS RIGHT IN THIS DOCUMENT.

9. THIS DOCUMENT REVOKES ANY PRIOR DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTH CARE.

10. IF THERE IS ANYTHING IN THIS DOCUMENT THAT YOU DO NOT UNDERSTAND, YOU SHOULD ASK A LAWYER TO EXPLAIN IT TO YOU.

1. DESIGNATION OF HEALTH CARE AGENT.

I,
(insert your name) do hereby designate and appoint:

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

as my agent to make health care decisions for me as authorized in this document.

(Insert the name and address of the person you wish to designate as your agent to make health care decisions for you. Unless the person is also your spouse, legal guardian or the person most closely related to you by blood, none of the following may be designated as your agent: (1) your treating provider of health care; (2) an employee of your treating provider of health care; (3) an operator of a health care facility; or (4) an employee of an operator of a health care facility.)



2. CREATION OF DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTH CARE.

By this document I intend to create a durable power of attorney by appointing the person designated above to make health care decisions for me. This power of attorney shall not be affected by my subsequent incapacity.

3. GENERAL STATEMENT OF AUTHORITY GRANTED.

In the event that I am incapable of giving informed consent with respect to health care decisions, I hereby grant to the agent named above full power and authority: to make health care decisions for me before or after my death, including consent, refusal of consent or withdrawal of consent to any care, treatment, service or procedure to maintain, diagnose or treat a physical or mental condition; to request, review and receive any information, verbal or written, regarding my physical or mental health, including, without limitation, medical and hospital records; to execute on my behalf any releases or other documents that may be required to obtain medical care and/or medical and hospital records, EXCEPT any power to enter into any arbitration agreements or execute any arbitration clauses in connection with admission to any health care facility including any skilled nursing facility; and subject only to the limitations and special provisions, if any, set forth in paragraph 4 or 6.

4. SPECIAL PROVISIONS AND LIMITATIONS.

(Your agent is not permitted to consent to any of the following: commitment to or placement in a mental health treatment facility, convulsive treatment, psychosurgery, sterilization or abortion. If there are any other types of treatment or placement that you do not want your agent's authority to give consent for or other restrictions you wish to place on his or her agent's authority, you should list them in the space below. If you do not write any limitations, your agent will have the broad powers to make health care decisions on your behalf which are set forth in paragraph 3, except to the extent that there are limits provided by law.)

In exercising the authority under this durable power of attorney for health care, the authority of my agent is subject to the following special provisions and limitations:

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5. DURATION.

I understand that this power of attorney will exist indefinitely from the date I execute this document unless I establish a shorter time. If I am unable to make health care decisions for myself when this power of attorney expires, the authority I have granted my agent will continue to exist until the time when I become able to make health care decisions for myself.

(IF APPLICABLE)

I wish to have this power of attorney end on the following date:

6. STATEMENT OF DESIRES.

(With respect to decisions to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining treatment, your agent must make health care decisions that are consistent with your known desires. You can, but are not required to, indicate your desires below. If your desires are unknown, your agent has the duty to act in your best interests; and, under some circumstances, a judicial proceeding may be necessary so that a court can determine the health care decision that is in your best interests. If you wish to indicate your desires, you may INITIAL the statement or statements that reflect your desires and/or write your own statements in the space below.)

(If the statement reflects your desires, initial the box next to the statement.)

1. I desire that my life be prolonged to the greatest extent possible, without regard to my condition, the chances I have for recovery or long-term survival, or the cost of the procedures.

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2. If I am in a coma which my doctors have reasonably concluded is irreversible, I desire that life-sustaining or prolonging treatments not be used. (Also should utilize provisions of NRS 449A.400 to



449A.481, inclusive, if this
subparagraph is initialed.) [.....]

3. If I have an incurable or
terminal condition or illness and
no reasonable hope of long-term
recovery or survival, I desire
that life-sustaining or
prolonging treatments not be
used. (Also should utilize
provisions of NRS 449A.400 to
449A.481, inclusive, if this
subparagraph is initialed.) [.....]

4. Withholding or
withdrawal of artificial nutrition
and hydration may result in
death by starvation or
dehydration. I want to receive or
continue receiving artificial
nutrition and hydration by way
of the gastrointestinal tract after
all other treatment is withheld. [.....]

5. I do not desire treatment
to be provided and/or continued
if the burdens of the treatment
outweigh the expected benefits.
My agent is to consider the
relief of suffering, the
preservation or restoration of
functioning, and the quality as
well as the extent of the possible
extension of my life. [.....]

(If you wish to change your answer, you may do so by
drawing an "X" through the answer you do not want, and
circling the answer you prefer.)

Other or Additional Statements of Desires:

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7. DESIGNATION OF ALTERNATE AGENT.

(You are not required to designate any alternative agent
but you may do so. Any alternative agent you designate will



be able to make the same health care decisions as the agent designated in paragraph 1, page 2, in the event that he or she is unable or unwilling to act as your agent. Also, if the agent designated in paragraph 1 is your spouse, his or her designation as your agent is automatically revoked by law if your marriage is dissolved.)

If the person designated in paragraph 1 as my agent is unable to make health care decisions for me, then I designate the following persons to serve as my agent to make health care decisions for me as authorized in this document, such persons to serve in the order listed below:

A. First Alternative Agent

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

B. Second Alternative Agent

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

8. PRIOR DESIGNATIONS REVOKED.

I revoke any prior durable power of attorney for health care.

9. WAIVER OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST.

If my designated agent is my spouse or is one of my children, then I waive any conflict of interest in carrying out the provisions of this Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care that said spouse or child may have by reason of the fact that he or she may be a beneficiary of my estate.

10. CHALLENGES.

If the legality of any provision of this Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care is questioned by my physician, my agent or a third party, then my agent is authorized to commence an action for declaratory judgment as to the legality of the provision in question. The cost of any such action is to be paid from my estate. This Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care must be construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Nevada.

11. NOMINATION OF GUARDIAN.

If, after execution of this Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, proceedings seeking an adjudication of incapacity are initiated either for my estate or my person, I hereby nominate as my guardian or conservator for



consideration by the court my agent herein named, in the order named.

12. RELEASE OF INFORMATION.

I agree to, authorize and allow full release of information by any government agency, medical provider, business, creditor or third party who may have information pertaining to my health care, to my agent named herein, pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, Public Law 104-191, as amended, and applicable regulations.

(YOU MUST DATE AND SIGN THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY)

I sign my name to this Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care on (date) at (city), (state)

(Signature)

(THIS POWER OF ATTORNEY WILL NOT BE VALID FOR MAKING HEALTH CARE DECISIONS UNLESS IT IS EITHER (1) SIGNED BY AT LEAST TWO QUALIFIED WITNESSES WHO ARE PERSONALLY KNOWN TO YOU AND WHO ARE PRESENT WHEN YOU SIGN OR ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR SIGNATURE OR (2) ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC.)

CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF NOTARY PUBLIC

(You may use acknowledgment before a notary public instead of the statement of witnesses.)

State of Nevada }
 } ss.
County of }

On this..... day of....., in the year..., before me,..... (here insert name of notary public) personally appeared..... (here insert name of principal) personally known to me (or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person whose name is subscribed to this instrument, and acknowledged that he or she executed it. I declare under penalty of perjury that the person whose name is ascribed to this instrument appears to



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be of sound mind and under no duress, fraud or undue influence.

NOTARY SEAL

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(Signature of Notary Public)

STATEMENT OF WITNESSES

(You should carefully read and follow this witnessing procedure. This document will not be valid unless you comply with the witnessing procedure. If you elect to use witnesses instead of having this document notarized, you must use two qualified adult witnesses. None of the following may be used as a witness: (1) a person you designate as the agent; (2) a provider of health care; (3) an employee of a provider of health care; (4) the operator of a health care facility; or (5) an employee of an operator of a health care facility. At least one of the witnesses must make the additional declaration set out following the place where the witnesses sign.)

I declare under penalty of perjury that the principal is personally known to me, that the principal signed or acknowledged this durable power of attorney in my presence, that the principal appears to be of sound mind and under no duress, fraud or undue influence, that I am not the person appointed as agent by this document and that I am not a provider of health care, an employee of a provider of health care, the operator of a health care facility or an employee of an operator of a health care facility.

Signature: Residence Address:

Print Name:

Date:

Signature: Residence Address:

Print Name:

Date:

(AT LEAST ONE OF THE ABOVE WITNESSES MUST ALSO SIGN THE FOLLOWING DECLARATION.)

I declare under penalty of perjury that I am not related to the principal by blood, marriage or adoption and that to the best of my knowledge, I am not entitled to any part of the



estate of the principal upon the death of the principal under a will now existing or by operation of law.

Signature:

Signature:

Names: Address:

Print Name:

Date:

COPIES: You should retain an executed copy of this document and give one to your agent. The power of attorney should be available so a copy may be given to your providers of health care.

Sec. 7. NRS 253.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

253.220 **1.** A public guardian may investigate the financial status, assets and personal and family history of any person for whom the public guardian has been appointed as guardian, *or a potential protected person for whom the public guardian has received a referral from the Aging and Disability Services Division of the Department of Health and Human Services, a law enforcement agency or a court in connection with a criminal or civil matter relating to the potential protected person*, without hiring or being licensed as a private investigator pursuant to chapter 648 of NRS. In connection with the investigation, the public guardian may require any protected person *or potential protected person* or any spouse, parent, child or other kindred of the protected person *or potential protected person*, to give any information and to execute and deliver any written requests or authorizations necessary to provide the public guardian with access to records, otherwise confidential, which are needed by the public guardian. The public guardian may obtain information from any public record office of the State or any of its agencies or subdivisions upon request and without payment of any fees.

2. *As used in this section, "protected person" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 159.0253.*

