

# GETTING STARTED

## Information on Advance Care Planning

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### Living Will

- Provides instructions for **future** treatment at end of life.
- Directs that life-sustaining treatment be withdrawn or withheld when person (a) is in a terminal condition, or (b) in persistent vegetative state, or (c) end stage condition.
- Does **not** guide EMS personnel
- Guides Inpatient treatment
- Does not need to be notarized.
- Is portable from state to state.

### Healthcare Agent

- A person(s)(Agent) to make health care decisions for you when you are unable to make decisions for yourself.
- Is a surrogate for the patient—able to consult with doctor, view medical records, make all decisions related to health care of patient.
- Is bound to make decisions according to wishes of the patient.

### MOLST - Medical Orders For Life-Sustaining Treatment

- Medical orders for **current** treatment. It is intended to stay with patient as he/she moves into/out of various health care facilities and settings (e.g., assisted living, home with HHC, nursing home, hospital, hospice).
- Needs to be signed by a Physician, PA or NP.
- **Does** guide EMS personnel.

### Financial POA

- Any person who will conduct business on your behalf if you should become unable to do so (e.g., pay bills, sell property, etc.)
- Does NOT apply to making healthcare decisions - the Durable Medical Power of Attorney is required for that.
- The same person can be your Financial POA and your Medical POA or they can be different people.