

**Health Care Decision-Making Authority of  
Health Care Agents vs. Court-Appointed Guardians**

	<b>Health Care Agent Trumps</b>	<i>Trumping Not Addressed</i>	<b>Guardian Trumps</b>	<i>Guardian Must Comply with Wishes, Express or Implied</i>	<i>No Formal D-M Standard, BUT face other Restrictions</i>
<b>UHCDA</b>	X			X	
<b>AL</b>			X		X
<b>AK</b>			X		
<b>AZ</b>	X			X	
<b>AR</b>		?			X
<b>CA</b>	X			X	
<b>CO</b>	Medical (but guardian controls on matters of personal care).			X	
<b>CT</b>		?		X	
<b>DE</b>	X			X	
<b>DC</b>		?		X	
<b>FL</b>	X				
<b>GA</b>	X				scarce language
<b>HI</b>	X			X	
<b>ID</b>		?			scarce language
<b>IL</b>	X			X	
<b>IN</b>	X				
<b>IA</b>	X			X	
<b>KS</b>			X	X	
<b>KY</b>	X			X	
<b>LA</b>		?			X
<b>ME</b>	X			X	
<b>MD</b>		?		X	
<b>MA</b>	X				X
<b>MI</b>	X				X
<b>MN</b>		?			
<b>MS</b>	X			X	
<b>MO</b>		?			X
<b>MT</b>		?			X
<b>NE</b>	X			X	
<b>NV</b>		?			X
<b>NH</b>	X				X
<b>NJ</b>	X				scarce language
<b>NM</b>	X				
<b>NY</b>	X			X	
<b>NC</b>			X		
<b>ND</b>	X				
<b>OH</b>		?		X	
<b>OK</b>		?			X
<b>OR</b>	X				X
<b>PA</b>		?		X	
<b>RI</b>		?			
<b>SC</b>	X			X	

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<b>SD</b>	X			X	
<b>TN</b>	X				X
<b>TX</b>			(during petitioning of agent's powers, power to guardian)		X
<b>UT</b>		?			scarce language
<b>VT</b>	X				X
<b>VA</b>	X			X	
<b>WA</b>		?			
<b>WV</b>	X			X	
<b>WI</b>			X		X
<b>WY</b>	X				X
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>20</b>