

HOW DO I KNOW WHICH SERVICE IS APPROPRIATE?

IF YOU WANT TO...	THEN YOU NEED A...
Appoint someone to make your health care related decisions for you during your lifetime if, and only if you are unable to do so yourself	Health Care Proxy
Describe your end-of-life wishes in the event of terminal illness or incapacity with no reasonable expectation of recovery	Living Will
Appoint someone to perform financial, property and other transactions for you while you are alive	Durable General Power of Attorney (Note: this document is NOT effective after the principal's death and CANNOT take the place of a Last Will and Testament)
Distribute your assets to family, friends, charities or other people or groups upon your death; Appoint an Executor to take care of this distribution	Last Will and Testament
Appoint someone to handle your remains according to your wishes after your death	Appointment of Agent to Control Disposition of Remains
To appoint a guardian for your minor children or wards (for parents or legal guardians of minors) should you become unable to take care of them.	Standby Guardianship
Appoint a guardian for an adult who is no longer able to manage his or her own personal care and/or property management	Article 81 Guardianship
Appoint a guardian for a person who was born with or developed a mental disability before the age of 22	Article 17A Guardianship
Take care of a deceased person's possessions and assets (estate) where there is a Last Will	Probate Proceeding
Take care of a deceased person's possessions and assets (estate) when there is no Last Will	Administration Proceeding