**LOUISIANA HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY**

1. I (Principal) hereby appoint: Name

Home Address

City, State Home Telephone Number Work Telephone Number

as my agent to make health care decisions for me if I become unable to make my own health care decisions such as the following:

* 1. Grant, refuse, or withdraw consent on my behalf for any health care service, treatment or procedure, even though my death may ensue.
	2. Talk to health care personnel, get information, have access to medical records and sign forms necessary to carry out these decisions.
	3. Authorize my admission to or discharge from any hospital, nursing home, residential care, assisted living or similar facility or service.
	4. Contract on my behalf for any health care related services or facility (without my agent incurring personal financial liability for such contracts) such as surgery, medical expenses and prescriptions.
	5. Make decisions regarding surgery, medical expenses and prescriptions.
1. If the person named as my agent is not available or is unable to act as my agent, I appoint the following person(s) to serve as agent(s) in the order listed below:
	1. Name Home Address City, State Home Telephone Number Work Telephone Number
	2. Name Home Address City, State Home Telephone Number Work Telephone Number
	3. Name

Home Address

City, State Home Telephone Number Work Telephone Number

1. With this document, I intend to create a durable power of attorney for health care, which shall take effect upon and only during any period in which, in the opinion of my attending physician, I am unable to make or communicate a choice regarding a particular health care decision. My agent shall make health care decisions as I direct below, or as I make known to him/her in some other way. If my agent is unable to determine the choice I would want to make, then my agent shall make a choice for me based upon what my agent believes to be in my best interest.
2. With this document, I authorize any person, organization, or entity involved with my health care to disclose and release to my agent any and all of my individually identifiable health information and medical records in accordance with HIPAA.
3. I do NOT want the following treatments:
4. To the extent that I am permitted by law to do so, I herewith nominate my agent to serve as the curator of my person, and/or in any similar representative capacity. If I am not permitted by law to make a nomination, then I request in the strongest possible terms that any court consider this nomination.
5. No person who relies in good faith upon representations by my agent, or alternate agents, shall be liable to me, my estate, my heirs or assigns for recognizing the agent’s authority.
6. The powers delegated under this power of attorney are separable, so that the invalidity of one or more powers shall not affect any others.

BY MY SIGNATURE I INDICATE THAT I UNDERSTAND THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT OF THIS DOCUMENT.

I sign my name to this form on the day of \_ ,

at , Louisiana as Principal:

 Principal’s Signature

ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AS AGENT FOR

I accept this appointment and agree to serve as agent for health care decisions. I understand I have a duty to act consistently with the desires of the principal as expressed in this appointment. I understand that this document gives me authority over health care decisions for the principal only if the principal becomes incapacitated. I understand that I must act in good faith in exercising my authority under this power of attorney. I understand that the principal may revoke this power of attorney at any time, in any manner. If I choose to withdraw during the time the principal is competent, I must notify the principal of my decision. If I choose to withdraw when the principal is not able to make health care decisions, I must notify the principal’s physician.

 (Agent)

 (Agent)

 (Agent)

 (Agent)

WITNESSES

The persons who signed or acknowledged this document are personally known to me and I believe him/her to be of sound mind.

 (Witness)

 (Witness)

NOTARIZATION

STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF

I, a Notary Public in and for the State and Parish aforesaid, do hereby certify that

 , who personally came and appeared before me as the Principal, and executed the foregoing Durable Louisiana Health Care Power Of Attorney in said State and Parish, and acknowledged said act as the Principal’s voluntary act. I further certify that the above named Agent(s) signed said act, accepting their appointment(s) as described herein, as witnessed in whole by the above named Witnesses, signing in my presence.

Witness my signature this day of , .

NOTARY PUBLIC