

## Chapter 13. Your Health Care Directive (Living Will)

Your Health Care Directive (also known as a Living Will) provides direction to your physician and hospital for dealing with major, life threatening illnesses and injuries if you become unable to make decisions for yourself.

Under State law, a physician or hospital may be legally required to perform useless, extraordinary medical procedures unless you have directed otherwise in a Health Care Directive.

This document is intended to work in conjunction with your Health Care Power of Attorney - however it accomplishes the added step of providing a legal directive directly to your physician to carry out your wishes - rather than just authority to your Agent under your Health Care Power of Attorney. This enables your Agent to work more closely with your physician.

You should furnish a signed original copy of the Living Will to your physician or health care provider.

### HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE (Living Will)



#### BENEFITS

- A Directive to Your Physician for Dealing With Life Threatening Illnesses and Injuries.
- Avoids the Need for Court Intervention.

#### NOTE:

- Proper Limiting Standards to Address Moral Considerations.





**AVOIDING DISABILITY PROBATE**

The combination of the Living Trust, Financial Power of Attorney, Health Care Power of Attorney and Health Care Directive (Living Will) give you the means to successfully avoid a Disability Probate if you become disabled.

This enables you to keep such matters private rather than engaging an Attorney and Probate Court Judge to be involved in a personal disability.

**DISABILITY PROBATE**  
 (No Powers of Attorney)  
 • Spouse Needs to Go to Probate Court to Handle Financial and Health Care for Disabled Spouse.

**NO DISABILITY PROBATE**  
**LIVING TRUST**  
**FINANCIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
**HEALTH CARE POWER OF ATTORNEY**  
**HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE**  
 • Spouse Can Take Care of Financial and Health Care for Disabled Spouse.

Husband    Wife    Attorney    Judge



Husband    Wife

