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ESTATE PLANNING 101

STEP 5 OF 7

What is a Health Care Agent?

Your voice when you can't speak for yourself.

A Healthcare Power of Attorney lets you choose someone you trust to make medical decisions if you're ever unable to make them yourself. Unlike a Financial POA, this person only has authority once you're incapacitated.

What They Can Do

Talk with doctors and hospitals, review your medical information, and make treatment decisions – including end-of-life care if necessary.

Can They Reach You?

Someone who lives nearby – or at least in the same state – can usually respond faster in an emergency.

Name a Younger Backup

These documents can be in place for decades. Consider an adult child, niece, nephew, or trusted younger friend as an alternate.

Their wishes, not yours – wait, the other way around

Your agent isn't making the decisions **they** would want. Choosing the right person – and telling them your wishes – is what matters most.

THE TAKEAWAY

Choose someone who will stay calm under pressure and knows your wishes well enough to speak for you when you can't speak for yourself.

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