

205. *Significance of Adjudication Concerning Need for Protection.*

*Adjudications under this Subtitle shall have no bearing on the issue of capacity of the alleged disabled person to care for his own person.*

206. *Guardians.*

*The court may appoint a natural person or a corporation with power to serve as a trustee as guardian of the property of the minor or disabled person. The appointment of a guardian vests in him title to all property of the minor or protected person, presently held or thereafter acquired. The appointment of a guardian is not a transfer or alienation within the meaning of the provisions of any federal or state statute or regulation, insurance policy, pension plan, contract, will or trust instrument, imposing restrictions upon or penalties for transfer or alienation by the minor or disabled person of his rights or interest. A guardian holds title to property under a statutory power and shall utilize powers conferred by this Subtitle to perform the services, exercise the discretion and discharge the duties herein described for the best interests of the minor or disabled person and his dependents. The guardian shall be deemed to be the statutory agent of the minor or disabled person for the purpose of filing all government reports and returns, including, but not limited to, income and other tax returns.*

207. *Priorities for Appointment as Guardian.*

*The following, in the order listed, are entitled to priority for appointment as guardian for a minor or disabled person:*

*(a) a conservator, committee, guardian of property or other like fiduciary appointed by any appropriate court of any foreign jurisdiction in which the minor or disabled person resides;*

*(b) a person or corporation nominated by the minor or disabled person if such designation was signed by the minor or disabled person after his sixteenth (16th) birthday, and, in the opinion of the court, he had sufficient mental capacity to make an intelligent choice at the time he executed such designation;*

*(c) his spouse;*

*(d) his parents;*

*(e) a person or corporation nominated by the will of a deceased parent;*

*(f) his children;*

*(g) the persons who would be his heirs if he were dead;*

*(h) a person or corporation nominated by a person who, or institution, organization, or public agency which, is caring for him;*

*(i) a person or corporation nominated by a governmental agency which is paying benefits to him.*

**(J) ANY OTHER PERSON DEEMED APPROPRIATE BY THE COURT.**

*A person in priorities (a), (c), (d), (f), or (g) may nominate in writing a person or corporation to serve in his stead. As among persons with equal priority, the court shall select the one who is best*