

(2) AN INSTRUMENT OR PORTION OF AN INSTRUMENT THAT IS AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE APPOINTING A HEALTH CARE AGENT IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 6 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE.

13-707.

(a) Persons are entitled to appointment as guardian of the person according to the following priorities:

(1) A person, agency, or corporation nominated by the disabled person if he was 16 years old or older when he signed the designation and, in the opinion of the court, he had sufficient mental capacity to make an intelligent choice at the time he executed the designation;

(2) A HEALTH CARE AGENT APPOINTED BY THE DISABLED PERSON IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 6 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE;

[(2)](3) His spouse;

[(3)](4) His parents;

[(4)](5) A person, agency, or corporation nominated by the will of a deceased parent;

[(5)](6) His children;

[(6)](7) Adult persons who would be his heirs if he were dead;

[(7)](8) A person, agency, or corporation nominated by a person caring for him;

[(8)](9) Any other person, agency, or corporation considered appropriate by the court;

[(9)](10) For adults less than 65 years old, the director of the local department of social services or, for adults 65 years old or older, the director of the State Office on Aging or local office on aging, except in those cases where the department of social services has been appointed guardian of the person prior to age 65.

13-708.

(a) (1) The court may grant to a guardian of a person only those powers necessary to provide for the demonstrated need of the disabled person.

(2) THE COURT MAY APPOINT A GUARDIAN OF THE PERSON OF A DISABLED PERSON FOR THE LIMITED PURPOSE OF MAKING ONE OR MORE DECISIONS RELATED TO THE HEALTH CARE OF THAT PERSON.

(c) (1) Notwithstanding the powers conferred to a guardian under subsection (b)(8) of this section, AND EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, where a medical procedure involves, or would involve, a substantial risk to the life of a disabled person, the court must authorize a guardian's consent or approval for: