

[(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.

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(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:

[(1)](I) The medical procedure;

[(2)](II) Withholding the medical procedure; or

[(3)](III) Withdrawing the medical procedure that involves, or would involve, a substantial risk to the life of the disabled person.

(2) UNLESS THE COURT EXPRESSLY STATES THAT THE MAY, UPON SUCH CONDITIONS AS THE COURT CONSIDERS APPROPRIATE, AUTHORIZE A GUARDIAN MAY NOT TO MAKE A DECISION REGARDING MEDICAL PROCEDURES THAT INVOLVE A SUBSTANTIAL RISK TO LIFE WITHOUT FURTHER COURT AUTHORIZATION, A GUARDIAN NEED NOT OBTAIN COURT AUTHORIZATION TO CONSENT TO, WITHHOLD, OR WITHDRAW A MEDICAL PROCEDURE THAT INVOLVES A SUBSTANTIAL RISK TO LIFE IF:

(I) THE DISABLED PERSON HAS EXECUTED AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE IN ACCORDANCE WITH TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 6 OF THE HEALTH - GENERAL ARTICLE THAT AUTHORIZES THE GUARDIAN TO CONSENT TO THE RECEIPT, WITHHOLDING OR ~~WITHDRAWING~~ WITHDRAWAL OF A MEDICAL PROCEDURE THAT INVOLVES A SUBSTANTIAL RISK TO LIFE BUT DOES NOT APPOINT A HEALTH CARE AGENT; OR

(II) THE GUARDIAN IS ALSO THE DISABLED PERSON'S SPOUSE, ADULT CHILD, PARENT, OR ADULT BROTHER OR SISTER.

(3) A PETITION SEEKING THE AUTHORIZATION OF A COURT THAT A LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURE BE WITHHELD OR WITHDRAWN IS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISIONS OF §§ 13-711 THROUGH 13-713 OF THIS SUBTITLE.