

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES				
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POLICY

Individuals supported by Developmental Services' Regional Centers will have access to information regarding a durable power of attorney for health care decisions as outlined in NRS 162A.

PURPOSE

To assure that individuals supported by Developmental Services receive optimum health care and that they are supported in making health care decisions.

REFERENCES

[NRS 162A](#)

PROCEDURE

A. REGIONAL CENTER STAFF

1. Staff, as appropriate, will provide information on NRS 162A to individuals supported regarding a durable power of attorney for health care decisions. Circumstances under which this may occur include, but are not limited to, discussion of medical concerns and team meetings. Information provided will include specific information regarding NRS 162A, including, but not limited to, the role of the agent, how to create a durable power of attorney, and the circumstances when the durable power of attorney would be used.
2. If the individual is interested, staff will provide a copy of Attachment A, "Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care Decisions". Staff will review this attachment with the individual as appropriate.
3. Staff employed by the Regional Center and staff employed by contract Providers of the Regional Centers may not act as an agent for the individual, unless the staff has a relationship with the individual (i.e., spouse, legal guardian or next of kin of the individual) outside of their professional role. In circumstances where an individual wishes to have a Regional Center staff or Provider staff act as their agent, the relationship must first be approved by the Agency/Program Manager or designee.
4. State staff and Provider staff will neither encourage or discourage the use of the durable power of attorney.
5. When a durable power of attorney is completed, Regional Center will request a copy and will review at least annually with the individual to assure that the information in the document has not changed. Regional Center Service Coordinators will assure that applicable Providers also have a copy of this document.

ATTACHMENTS (CLICK BELOW)

[Attachment A - Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care Decisions](#)

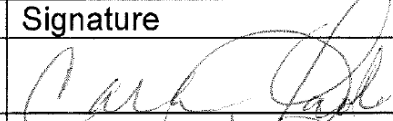

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