

3. The powers and duties of the Guardian Advocate are:
____ to determine residence;
____ to consent to medical, dental, and surgical care and mental health treatment;
____ to make decisions about the social environment or other social aspects of the person with a developmental disability's life;
____ to act as representative payee of government benefits or to seek such benefits;
____ to apply for governmental benefits.

4. _____ (the person with a developmental disability) shall retain all legal rights except those which are specifically granted to the Guardian Advocate pursuant to court order.

5. The Petitioner is selected as Guardian Advocate because: _____

Without first obtaining specific authority from the Court, as stated in section 744.3725, Florida Statutes, the Guardian Advocate may not:

- a) commit the person with a developmental disability to a facility, institution, or licensed service provider without formal placement proceedings, pursuant to Chapter 393, Florida Statutes;
- b) consent to the participation of the person with a developmental disability in any experimental biomedical or behavior procedure, exam, study, or research;
- c) consent to the performance of a sterilization or abortion procedure on the disabled person;
- d) consent to termination of life support systems provided for the person with a developmental disability;
- e) initiate a petition for dissolution of marriage for the ward; or
- f) exercise any authority over any health care surrogate appointed by any valid advance directive executed by the disabled person, pursuant to Chapter 765, Florida Statutes, except upon further order of this Court.

CONSIDERED, ORDERED & ADJUDGED:

1. _____ (*Name of Guardian Advocate*) is qualified to serve as Guardian Advocate of the person and is hereby appointed as Guardian Advocate of the Person of _____, the person with a developmental disability.
2. The Guardian Advocate shall exercise only the rights that the Court has found the disabled person incapable of exercising on his or her own behalf, as outlined herein above. Said rights are hereby removed from the person with a developmental disability and specifically delegated to the Guardian Advocate.
3. Upon taking and filing the prescribed oath conditioned on the faithful performance of all duties by the Guardian Advocate, letters of Guardian Advocacy shall be issued.

DONE AND ORDERED in Panama City, Bay County, Florida, this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Circuit Judge

Copies furnished to:

- *Proposed Guardian Advocate*
- *Next of Kin of the person with a developmental disability, if any*
- *Health Care Surrogate designated by the person with a developmental disability pursuant to advanced directives, if any*
- *Agent appointed by the person with a developmental disability under Durable Power of Attorney, if any*

Judicial Assistant