

PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVES

Wisconsin statutes specifically state who may consent on behalf of the patient in certain situations. Persons legally authorized to give consent for the patient should be verified by a review of the record or by proper legal documents.

Clark County recognizes the following persons as personal representatives to act on behalf of patients:

Personal Representative	Definition	Role	Face Sheet Designation
Guardian of Person	one appointed by a court to have care, custody and control of the person of a minor or an incompetent.	Makes decisions for their ward regarding where to live, what services are required, and treatment. Guardianship role ceases upon death of individual.	Emergency Contact
Guardian of Estate	one appointed by a court to have the management of the estate of a minor, an incompetent or a spendthrift.	Financial management of ward's assets (e.g. pays bills, manages investments). Guardianship role ceases upon death of individual.	Guarantor
Health Care Agent	As outlined in health care document.	Makes health care decisions based on knowledge of principal's past preferences and beliefs. Health Care Agent role ceases upon death of individual.	Emergency Contact
(D)POA for Finances	As outlined in financial document	Manages finances for principal. Financial agent role ceases upon death of individual.	Guarantor

Definitions

- 1) **Parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a minor** – defined in s.48.02(8) and (11); or
- 2) **Person vested with supervision of the child** - under s.938.183.34(4d), (4h), (4m), or (4n); or
- 3) **Guardian** - of a patient adjudged incompetent, defined in s. 880.01(3) and (4); or
- 4) **Personal Representative, spouse, or next of kin of deceased resident/patient** - If no spouse survives a deceased patient, person authorized by the patient also means an adult member of the deceased patient's immediate family, defined in s.632.895(1)(d).

- 5) **Health Care Agent** – an individual designated by a principal to make health care decisions on behalf of the principal or, if that individual is unable or unwilling to make decisions. Principal is defined as an individual who executes a power of attorney for health care. (WI statute 155)

- 6) **Any person authorized in writing by the patient.**