

WHAT ARE THE MAJOR DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE LIVING WILL AND THE DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTH CARE?

DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTH CARE	LIVING WILL
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appoints someone to make health care decisions for you and permits you to specify guidelines and limitations, if you wish• Encompasses all health care decisions, including requesting or refusing treatment or care• Applies to any kind of illness or injury that incapacitates you• You need someone you trust who is willing to take on this responsibility• Can be flexible to changing circumstances• Is easily revoked, orally or in writing• Need not specifically address nutrition, hydration, or any other condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Applies only to terminal conditions that leave you unable to make or communicate decisions• Spells out in writing under what circumstances you want medical care withheld or withdrawn• Need not use suggested form• Refers only to withholding or withdrawing care• Does not put decision-making responsibility on a specific person• Is static and may not cover every possible medical situation• Is easily revoked, orally or in writing• Must specifically address nutrition, hydration, and resuscitation