**ILLINOIS POWER OF ATTORNEY**

# FOR HEALTH CARE OF A MINOR DEPENDENT

**PURSUANT TO 755 ILCS 45/4-1 et seq.**

**1.** My/our child is [NAME OF MINOR] born on [MINOR'S BIRTH DATE].

I/we (*Biological Parent/Legal Guardian*), \*[NAME OF PARENT/GUARDIAN], hereby appoint [NAME OF AGENT], as my attorney-in-fact (my “agent” to act for me and in my name in any way I could act in person) to make any and all decisions for me/us concerning my/our child’s personal care, medical treatment; including but not limited to routine and ordinary care, evaluation, treatment, including diagnostic evaluations of any sort, including invasive and non-invasive procedures to the extent customarily used (of an emergency or non- emergency nature), including in-patient or out-patient hospitalization and all other health care and to require, withhold or withdraw any type of medical treatment or procedure as I/we would want to require, withhold or withdraw for my/our child if I could act in person. My/our agent shall have the same access to medical records that I have, including the right to disclose the contents to others.

Biological Parent/Legal Guardian: [INITIAL]

Additional Biological Parent/Legal Guardian: [INITIAL]

I/we specifically acknowledge and authorize my/our appointed agent [NAME OF AGENT] (*Safe Family Parent(s)*) to assume the following medical care rights and responsibilities:

1. **Physical Examination**

I/we authorize my/our appointed agent (*Safe Family Parent(s)*) to consent to and obtain a physical examination for my/our child.

1. **Routine and Ordinary Medical Care**

I/we authorize my/our appointed agent (*Safe Family Parent(s)*) to consent to and obtain any routine or ordinary medical care for my child including inoculations and immunizations. I /we also understand that staff will make a reasonable effort to contact me/us prior to such care but that failure to contact me/us will not be a reason to not obtain care for my/our child.

1. **Diagnosis and Treatment**

I/we authorize my/our appointed (*Safe Family Parent(s)*) to consent to and to obtain diagnosis and treatment for my/our child, whether invasive or non-invasive, as is deemed necessary and appropriate to prevent or care for any medical condition my child is reasonably believed to have or to alleviate my/our child’s pain and suffering.

1. **Extraordinary Medical Care**

I/we authorize my/our appointed (*Safe Family Parent(s)*) to consent to and obtain any extraordinary medical care for my/our child including hospitalization, blood transfusion, surgery, and treatment in the event of a medical emergency which, in the opinion of the attending physician, may endanger his/her life, cause disfigurement, physical impairment or undue discomfort if delayed. I/we also understand that staff will make a reasonable effort to contact me/us prior to such care, but that failure to contact me/us will not be a reason to deny treatment to my/our child.

1. **Medical Card or Private Medical Insurance**

If my/our child has a Medicaid card, I /we agree to give my/our appointed (*Safe Family Parent(s)*) the current card and will continue to provide the current card throughout the child’s stay. If my/our child has private medical insurance, I /we will give my/our appointed (*Safe Family Parent(s)*) a copy of my/our insurance card and other pertinent information regarding the medical insurance and to pay any co-payments or other charges not covered by the medical insurance. If my/our child is not covered under an insurance plan either private or public, I/we agree to pay for any and all medical care that it required for my/our child.

Applicable card numbers and providers: [LIST CARD NUMBERS AND PROVIDERS]

I/we agree to pay uncovered charges: [\*\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_](http://www.esign.com/) / \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of *Biological Parent/Legal Guardian) (Date*)

**2.** I/we direct my appointed agent (*Safe Family Parent*) to take such action on behalf of my child as a reasonably necessary to alleviate suffering and to authorize any treatment as to which the potential and expected benefits outweigh the potential and expected burdens.

Biological Parent/Legal Guardian: [INITIAL]

Additional Biological Parent/Legal Guardian: [INITIAL]

**3.** I/we want my child’s life to be prolonged and I /we want life-sustaining treatment to be provided to my child unless the child is in a coma which the child’s attending physician believes to be irreversible, in accordance with reasonable medical standards at the time of reference. If and when my/our child has suffered irreversible coma, I/we want life-sustaining treatment to be withheld or discontinued.

Biological Parent/Legal Guardian: [INITIAL]

Additional Biological Parent/Legal Guardian: [INITIAL]

**4.** This power of attorney shall become effective on [DATE].

**5.**  This power of attorney shall terminate on [DATE].

**6.** I/we nominate as my/our agent (Safe Family Parent(s)) [NAME OF AGENT].

**7.** If any agent named by me/us shall die, become incompetent, resign, refuse to accept the office of agent or be unavailable, I/we name the following as successors to such agent: [NAME OF SUCCESSOR AGENT]

**8.** If a guardian of my person is to be appointed, I/we nominate the agent acting under this power of attorney as such guardian, to serve without bond or security.

**9.** I/we am/are fully informed as to all the contents of this form and understand the full import of this grant of powers to my/our appointed agent (*Safe Family Parent(s)*).

Signed \*[\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_](https://esign.com/) / \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(*Biological Parent/Legal Guardian) (Date)*

Signed \*[\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_](https://esign.com/) / \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

(*Additional* *Biological Parent/Legal Guardian) (Date)*

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*(Date)*

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*Required documentation to be completed by:*

***\*Biological Parent(s) / Legal Guardian:*** ***#1*** *(initials);*

***#1-E*** *(signature/date);*

***#2*** *(initials);*

***#3*** *(initials);*

***#9*** *(signature/date).*

* ***Safe Family Parent(s indicated):*** ***#1*** *(x2);* ***#6***

*Copy of document provided to Biological Parent/Legal Guardian and Safe Family Parent(s); with original placed into LYDIA/Safe Family Parent file.*