

Representation Agreements

What is a Representation Agreement?

- . A Representation Agreement is a document in which you may appoint a representative(s) to make decisions for you if you become mentally incapable. These decisions can range from financial matters to medical decisions.
- . The medical decisions can range anywhere from consenting to and refusing treatment, authorizing care facilities, deciding on day-to-day activities for you, cutting off treatment if you are in an incurable state (what used to be called a "living will").
- . The authority you give can be as restricting or far reaching as you would like it to be-you can customize a Representation Agreement to your specific needs.

What Happens if I Don't Have a Representation Agreement?

- ◆ If you do not appoint someone to act as your Representative and you become mentally incapable, then any decisions about yourself and your affairs will require the approval of the Government, and this can be costly and time consuming.