GETTING STARTED
Information on Advance Care Planning

Living Will
• Provides instructions for future treatment at end of life.
• Directs that life-sustaining treatment be withdrawn or withheld when person (a) is in a terminal condition, or (b) in persistent vegetative state, or (c) end stage condition.
• Does not guide EMS personnel
• Guides Inpatient treatment
• Does not need to be notarized.
• Is portable from state to state.

Healthcare Agent
• A person(s)(Agent) to make health care decisions for you when you are unable to make decisions for yourself.
• Is a surrogate for the patient—able to consult with doctor, view medical records, make all decisions related to health care of patient.
• Is bound to make decisions according to wishes of the patient.

MOLST - Medical Orders For Life-Sustaining Treatment
• Medical orders for current treatment. It is intended to stay with patient as he/she moves into/out of various health care facilities and settings (e.g., assisted living, home with HHC, nursing home, hospital, hospice).
• Needs to be signed by a Physician, PA or NP.
• Does guide EMS personnel.

Financial POA
• Any person who will conduct business on your behalf if you should become unable to do so (e.g., pay bills, sell property, etc.)
• Does NOT apply to making healthcare decisions - the Durable Medical Power of Attorney is required for that.
• The same person can be your Financial POA and your Medical POA or they can be different people.