

Why We Need an End of Life Support Team

Life is better when you have the dedicated support of others, especially at End of Life. As you approach end of life and after you pass away, you'll need trusted loved ones and advisors to help manage your final matters, from your care and services to your personal assets. Having an end of life support team gives you confidence that your final wishes will be honored.

What is an End of Life Support Team?

An end of life Support Team is a group of personally selected people you trust to help you manage your important end of life matters - both before and after you pass away.

Building your end of life support team involves asking yourself questions, evaluating choices and making decisions about whom you most trust to help you manage important end of life matters, including:

- Ensuring your care choices are honored and medical decisions are made
- Making and managing decisions about your financial assets
- Ensuring that your estate's assets are distributed as you wish
- Caring for children or other dependents if you are unable or pass away
- Caring for pets, home and property if you are unable or pass away
- Advising you on legal matters like wills, estate plans or trusts
- Organizing your final services according to your wishes
- Informing your family, friends or social network of your circumstances
- Managing online accounts

The people you choose to help you manage these final matters will become your end of life support team. You can choose as many or as few people as you need. You may find that choosing the same person to fulfill multiple roles works best.

Benefits of an End of Life Support Team

- Reinforces your care plan
Your personal representatives can help ensure that you receive the type of final care you want, where you want
- Helps you stay connected
Your support team ensures consistent, caring representation of your interests and provides trusted confidantes as you approach end of life
- Distributes responsibility
Your support team helps reduce dependence on one person to manage your needs
- Provides for dependents
Choosing guardians ensures that dependents will be cared for according to plan
- Ensures peace of mind
Your trusted representatives can help reduce the decision-making burden on loved ones
- Preserves family unity
Your support team can help avoid conflict and encourage positive communication among family members
- Preserves your assets
Your Durable or Financial Power of Attorney (DPOA/FPOA) or executor can help protect your assets from probate court and estate taxes
- Honors your decisions
Your trusted support team gives you peace-of-mind that your End of Life matters will be honored

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