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### **The Florida Power of Attorney Act**

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The Florida Power of Attorney Act is described in Florida Statutes §709. This document is signed by a “principal” who appoints an “agent”. The “agent” is granted authority in place of the principal as described and explained under the power of attorney.

Durable power of attorney means that a Power of Attorney not terminated by the principal’s incapacity.

We recommend that the durable power of attorney be used in two ways, first to manage financial and assets and pay bills, and second, make personal health care and medical decisions.

If the principal who signs the Durable Power of Attorney chooses a person as an agent who will serve both as financial, health care, and personal decision manager these provisions may be included in one document. If a different decision manager for financial and management decisions is different than the decision maker to handle personal and medical decisions then two separate documents would be necessary.