



What happens if I don't choose a health care agent?

Washington State law lists who will make health care decisions for you if you cannot

The order for who will decide is:



A guardian appointed by the state



Named **health care agent** with health care decision-making authority in the advance directive



Your **spouse** or **registered domestic partner** (even if separated)



Your **adult children** *



Your **parents** *



Your **adult siblings** *



Your **adult grandchildren** *



Your **adult nieces & nephews** *



Your **adult aunts & uncles** *



A **close friend** who meets certain criteria

***Any group that has more than one person: all in the group must agree to the care**



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