

Informed consent for kinship caregivers

Individuals authorized to provide informed consent to healthcare on behalf of a child under the age of 18 – or an adult in their care, custody, and control – must be a member of one of the following classes of people in the following order of priority:

1. A guardian, a person with specific power of attorney, or a legal custodian appointed by the court;
2. Washington only: a person authorized by the court to consent to medical care for a child in out-of-home placement pursuant to the dependency and termination of parental rights statutes;
3. A parent of the minor patient;
4. A person to whom the minor’s parent has given a signed authorization to make healthcare decisions for the minor patient. *In Idaho, the signed authorization must be in the form of a properly-executed power of attorney; and
5. A competent adult presenting himself or herself to be a relative responsible for the healthcare of such minor patient or a competent adult who has signed and dated a declaration under penalty of perjury stating that he or she is a relative who is responsible for the healthcare of the minor patient.

Re: (print name of patient) _____

I (print name) _____ am responsible for making healthcare decisions on behalf of the patient listed above. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Signed at (location) _____ Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed name _____ Relationship _____

This declaration is effective for no more than six months from the date on which it is signed.