

LIVING WILL

- Explains your medical wishes if you cannot speak.
- Covers life support, CPR, and feeding tubes.
- Guides doctors and family decisions.
- Not legally binding alone in Michigan but still very important.

KEY TAKEAWAY: Speaks FOR you when you cannot speak.

HIPAA AUTHORIZATION

- Allows others to access your medical information.
- Lets family talk to doctors and receive updates.
- Prevents privacy barriers during emergencies.

KEY TAKEAWAY: Gives permission for someone to SEE your medical information.

FINANCIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

- Allows someone to manage your finances.
- Includes paying bills and handling accounts.
- Can be immediate or activated upon incapacity.

KEY TAKEAWAY: Allows someone to HANDLE your financial matters.

MEDICAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

- Allows someone to make medical decisions for you.
- Includes treatment approval and end-of-life decisions.
- Must be signed and witnessed in Michigan.

KEY TAKEAWAY: Allows someone to MAKE medical decisions for you.

FREE LEGACY PLANNING RESOURCES (State of Michigan)

UAW-FCA-Ford-General Motors Legal Services

Address: 2503 S Linden Rd # 260, Flint, MI 48532

Hours:

Open · Closes 5 PM

Phone: [**\(810\) 257-0400**](tel:(810)257-0400)

Genesee County Probate Court

- **Address:** 900 S. Saginaw St., 5th Floor, Room 502, Flint, MI 48502
- **Phone:** (810) 257-3528

This is the official place where:

Wills are filed after someone passes away (to start probate)

1. Michigan Legal Help

Website: <https://michiganlegalhelp.org>

Provides free step-by-step tools to create legal documents including:

- **Medical Power of Attorney**
- **Financial Power of Attorney**

- Guidance for wills and estate planning
Best starting point for Michigan residents.

2. Michigan Department of Attorney General

Website: <https://www.michigan.gov/ag>

Offers free, official forms including:

- Financial Power of Attorney
- Medical Power of Attorney

Forms are created by legal experts and compliant with Michigan law.

3. Legal Services of Eastern Michigan

Provides free legal assistance for eligible low-income residents.

Helps with completing legal documents and understanding estate planning.

4. Genesee County Bar Association

Offers lawyer referral services and may host free or low-cost legal clinics.

Website: <https://gcbalaw.org>

5. Flint Public Library

Address: 1026 E Kearsley St, Flint, MI 48502

Offers access to legal books, computers, and assistance locating forms.

Phone: (810) 232-7111

6. Law School Clinics (Cooley Law School)

Offers free or low-cost legal clinics where supervised law students assist with estate planning documents.

Simple Guidance

Start with Michigan Legal Help to create documents, use Attorney General forms for official copies, and seek assistance from legal aid or clinics if needed.

Legacy Message

Legacy planning is not about wealth—it is about wisdom. These free resources help ensure every family can prepare, protect, and preserve what matters most.