

WHAT TO DO AFTER AN ALZHEIMER'S OR DEMENTIA DIAGNOSIS?

Checklist

While it's important for everyone to plan for the future, legal plans are vital for a person living with dementia. Planning ahead allows them to participate in the process, while designating loved ones to make decisions on their behalf. This process also allows you time to consider the legal and financial matters that should be considered.

- Who will manage financial affairs?
- Who will manage health care decisions?
- Who is the backup for financial and health care decisions, in case your primary designee is unable to do so?
- Does your designated agent and the backup person have copies of the financial and healthcare powers of attorney?
- Have you created a living will and provided it to health care providers?
- How will long term care be addressed? An estate plan does not always encompass a long term care plan.
- Will you require government benefits to pay for long term care costs (Avg \$8,000/mo)?
- If so, have you met with an attorney to protect your assets and property?
- Have you met with an Elder Law Attorney to discuss any other concerns or preparations?

Even if you already have a will or estate plan, a dementia diagnosis often requires additional measures to protect you and your loved ones. Contact us for a quick review!



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