

Information Sheet

Who is a Substitute Decision Maker?

In the Province of Ontario, any of those persons listed below can serve as a Substitute Decision Maker (SDM). If you live in another jurisdiction, who would be on your list?

- Guardian of the person: usually court appointed
- Attorney named in Power of Attorney for Personal Care
- Representative appointed by the Ontario Consent and Capacity Board
- Spouse or partner: includes same-sex partner in Ontario
- Child or custodial parent or Children's Aid Society
- A parent who has only right of access (non-custodial)
- Brother or sister
- Any other relative
- Public Guardian and Trustee (as a last resort)
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