COMPARISON

YOUR HEALTH & FINANCE DOCUMENTS

Health Care Plan
Lakewood HEALTH SYSTEM

	DESCRIPTION	COST
Health Care Directive (Your Heath Care)	A written document you complete that informs other of your wishes about your health care. It also allows you to name an agent(s) (may be related or unrelated) to decide for you if your are unable to make (due to physical or mental incapacity.	Forms are available free of charge and person's signature must be witnessed by two people or a notary*
Guardian (Your Heath Care)	A court appointed person (may be related or unrelated) that is named to make health care decisions for you if you are unable and no person previously designated or if the designated person was not able to fulfill this obligation.	Costs involved due to need for court appearances and filing to establish the decision maker and ongoing monitoring*
Power of Attorney (Your Finances)	A written document you complete that informs others of your wishes about who you want to handle your financial affairs. The person(s) you designate is called your "Power of Attorney" (may be related or unrelated).	Forms are available free of charge and signature must be witnessed by a notary*
Conservator (Your Finances)	A court appointed person (may be related or unrelated) that is named to make financial decisions for you because you are unable and no person was previously designated or that person was not able to fulfill this obligation.	Costs involved due to need for court appearances and filing to establish the decision maker and ongoing monitoring*
POLST (Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatments) (Your Heath Care)	A form completed by you or your designee (if you are unable) and your physician that addresses specific topics regarding life sustaining treatments that you may or may not want during an emergency or hospitalization.	Forms are available free of charge and must be signed by you/designee and physician to be valid*
Will (Your Finances)	A written document, you complete, typically prepared by an attorney, explaining how you want your estate (property and assets) distributed after you die. You may also name an "executor" for your estate document. This person would be would be in charge of taking care of the legalities of your requests in the document after you die. This document does not involve your wishes for health care or finances while you are living.	Costs involved for document preparation, etc. Signature requires notary*

*Read entire document and information for complete instructions.