

## GOVERNOR ISSUES EXECUTIVE ORDER PERMITTING PARENTS AND KINSHIP CAREGIVERS TO DESIGNATE STANDBY GUARDIANS DURING COVID-19 CRISIS \*

Executive Order 202.14

Dated April 7, 2020

Modifies Surrogate's Court Procedure Act § 1726 (the Standby Guardian Statute) by permitting designations related to Covid-19:

The order states “any parent, a legal guardian, a legal custodian, or primary caretaker who works or volunteers in a health facility or who reasonably believes that they may otherwise be exposed to Covid-19 may designate a standby guardian by means of a written designation.”

Pursuant to the above order, parents and kin may designate, in a writing that is witnessed by two persons, guardian powers to someone of their choosing, when they are working or volunteering in a medical facility or have reason to believe they've been exposed to Covid-19.

See other Covid-19 fact sheets:

- [Remote Authorization of Medical Care](#)
- [Standby Guardian Form](#)

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\*New, April 10, 2020

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