

The Medicare Map . . .

Helping you and your clients navigate the Medicare Maze

Can a POA contact Medicare on your clients behalf?

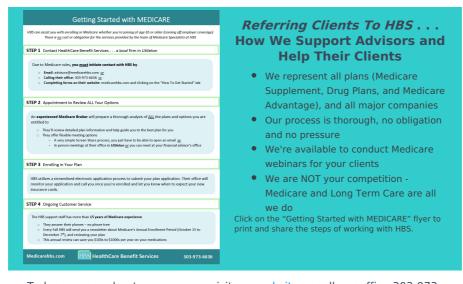
No, Medicare does not accept a health proxy or power of attorney to speak on someone's behalf. Help your clients plan ahead!

Even if your client is currently capable of handling their affairs, it is wise to have them take action now to authorize an individual to assist them if needed.

By law Medicare must have your client's permission (an "authorization") to be able to talk to an authorized representative about claims, enrollment issues, payments and more. It's called "Authorization to Disclosure Personal Information". Your client may take back ("revoke") the written permission at any time, except if Medicare has already acted based on their permission.

Below is a link to Medicare's "Authorization to Disclose Personal Information" form, which can also be found online at Medicare.gov. If your client has an online Medicare.gov account they can click on My Account Settings, then on Manage My Representatives to give authorization.

https://www.cms.gov/Medicare/CMS-Forms/CMS-Forms/Downloads/CMS10106.pdf



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