What happens if I don't choose a health care agent? Washington State law lists who will make health care decisions for you if you cannot

The order for who will decide is:

A guardian appointed by the state

Named health care agent with health care decisionmaking authority in the advance directive



Your spouse or registered domestic partner (even if separated)



Your adult children *



Your parents *



Your adult siblings *



Your adult grandchildren *



Your adult nieces & nephews *



Your adult aunts & uncles *



A close friend who meets certain criteria*



*Any group that has more than one person: all in the group must agree to the care



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