GETTING YOUR AFFAIRS IN ORDER
Advance Care Planning

Use this checklist to ensure healthcare and financial arrangements are in place before serious illness or a healthcare crisis.

- **Start discussions early** with your loved one while everyone can still help make decisions.

- **Create documents** that communicate healthcare, financial management, and end of life wishes for yourself and the people you care for, with legal advice as needed.


- **Put important papers in one place**. Make sure a trusted family member or friend knows the location and any instructions.

- **Make copies** of healthcare directives to be placed in all medical files, including information on every doctor seen.

- **Give permission** in advance for a doctor or lawyer to talk directly with a caregiver as needed.

- **Reduce anxiety** about funeral and burial arrangements by planning ahead.

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