

Appendix—Resources

There are a number of organizations, public and private, that can help you with your duties as guardian and conservator. Unfortunately, this manual cannot list the phone numbers of all the organizations that exist in your town or near your community. What we can suggest are the resources that may exist near you. For example:

- Adult day health care programs
- Adult social day care programs
- Case management services
- Counseling
- Courses at schools and colleges
- Day programs for people with developmental disabilities
- Emergency response devices
- Homemaker, home health, and personal care services
- Legal assistance
- Meal services
- Personal contact programs
- Respite care
- Senior centers
- Transportation services
- Work training programs

Some sources of referrals for assistance:

- The court visitor in your guardianship and conservatorship;
- The social worker department of your local hospital, specifically the discharge planners;
- The regional center for people with developmental disabilities;
- The information and referral department of your Area Agency on Aging.

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The following are some specific phone numbers:

The numbers below are for Bernalillo County unless otherwise noted.
The 1-800 numbers are statewide.

AARP (Statewide American Association of Retired Persons) 1-505-830-3096

Adult Protective Services (Children, Youth & Families Department)

Monday—Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. 841-9500

Monday—Friday, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 a.m. & Saturday & Sunday 841-6677

Statewide 1-800-610-7610

Alzheimer's Association 266-2195

Statewide 1-800-777-8155

ARC of New Mexico (provides assistance for developmentally disabled community)

..... 883-4630

Statewide 1-800-358-6493

Area Agency on Aging 1-800-432-2080

Casa, Inc. (Assistance--Drugs & Alcohol) 768-0100

Case Management (Information & Assistance) 764-6400

(Department of Senior Affairs; **Note:** not every community calls this office by the same name. If you are uncertain of the name in your community, check with the Area Agency on Aging for the office nearest you. **Also,** Bernalillo County's Department of Senior Affairs publishes an excellent **Quick Guide to Senior Services in Bernalillo County** that contains many useful resources.)

Health Law and Ethics 277-5006

(provides packets with values history form and optional advance directive for health care form, English and Spanish versions, \$5.00 each)

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Licensing & Certification	881-4389 (Albuquerque)
Licensing & Certification	827-4200 (Santa Fe)
Licensing & Certification Complaint Hotline	1-800-752-8649 (Santa Fe)
Developmental Disabilities Division.....	841-8772 (Albuquerque)
.....	827-2891 (Santa Fe)
Department of Senior Affairs	764-6400
Emergency Medical Service Bureau (EMS)	476-7000 (x2000) (Santa Fe)
(an information packet with a sample EMS Do Not Resuscitate form and order form for more forms is available from):	
EMS Bureau	
New Mexico Department of Health	
P.O. Box 26110	
Santa Fe, NM 87502-6110	
Food Stamps	841-7700
HIBAC (Health Insurance Benefits Assistance Corps)	
Region 1 (Bernalillo County)	764-6426
Regions 2-5 (All other Counties)	1-800-432-2080
Human Services Department (Info & Referral)	1-800-432-6217
Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program (nursing home oversight)	841-8051
Statewide	1-800-432-2080
LREP (Lawyer Referral for the Elderly Program)	797-6005
Statewide	1-800-876-6657
Meals on Wheels	291-2060
(can call this number for information about programs in other communities)	
Medicaid Medical/Financial Assistance (medical and institutional care benefits)	
.....	841-7700
Statewide	1-800-432-6217
Medicare: Part A	1-800-813-8868
Part B	821-3350

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Part B, Statewide 1-800-423-2925
Hotline 1-800-638-6833

Medicare/Health Insurance Counseling 764-6426
(Department of Senior Affairs)

New Mexico Health Policy Commission 827-7500 (Santa Fe)
(provides free optional advance directive for health care form)
435 St. Michael's Dr., Ste. A-202
Santa Fe, NM 87505

Protection and Advocacy System (advocates of rights of developmentally disabled
community) 256-3100
Statewide 1-800-432-4682

RCI (Rehabilitation Center) 255-5501
(Brain injuries as result of accident)

Senior Citizens' Law Office, Inc. 265-2300

Social Security Administration 1-800-772-1213

Society of Certified Public Accountants 246-1699
(Complaints for their Ethics Committee; can check on professional disciplinary
record of accountants throughout New Mexico)

State Agency on Aging (New Mexico state agency contains multiple resources for
seniors, including nursing homes, ombudsman program, insurance and more)
..... 1-800-432-2080

State Bar Disciplinary Board (can check on professional disciplinary record of any
attorney licensed in New Mexico)..... 842-5781

Uniform Health Care Decision Act Optional Form
(a copy of the optional form should be available for a nominal fee from):
Institute of Public Law or N.M. Coalition for Advance

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(505) 277-5006

Directives
2801 Lomas NE
Albuquerque, NM 87106
(505) 255-6717

Additional Publications:

The Handbook for Guardians and Conservators, a practical guide to New Mexico law, including duties and responsibilities. Available from the Office of the New Mexico Attorney General, Guardianship Project Manager, (505) 827-6000 (Santa Fe), or toll-free 1-888-300-0950.

Life Planning in New Mexico, a guide to state law on powers of attorney, right to die, nursing home benefits, wills, trusts and probate. Book by Merri Rudd available at numerous bookstores around the state or directly from Abogada Press, P.O. Box 36011, Albuquerque, NM 87176-6011. Write for ordering information or visit the website at <http://users.aol.com/abogada/>.