Why You Need a Power of Attorney (POA) for Personal Care

- 1. A POA for personal care permits you to choose who will make decisions for you respecting your health care if you cannot do so yourself.
- 2. A POA for personal care permits you to decide, while you have the capacity, which medical treatments you would like or do not want when you are near death.
- 3. A POA for personal care permits you to be creative in that you can decide where you would like to live when you are not able to live on your own.
- 4. Most senior residences, long-term care facilities and hospitals require such a document so that they can determine who can give them instructions for your care.