FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS

What are the options?

Guardianship

Responsibility and control over *all* areas of life (ADL’s, Medical, Financial, etc.)

Limited Guardianship

Responsibility and control over some, but *not all* areas of life (may include: ADL’s, Medical, or Financial, etc.)

Conservatorship

Responsibility and control over financials (can be full or limited)

Durable Power of Attorney

Legal document allowing an individual to appoint someone else to make specific decisions for them in the event they become unable (i.e., health care, financial)

- Must have capacity when signed to be valid

**Important Note:** Children’s Mercy provides this document as a courtesy. The above list is not exhaustive and is not intended to provide a final determination of what support a particular individual should (or should not) obtain in their unique circumstances. The hospital does not take a position as to whether guardianship or these alternatives should be sought, or whether an attorney should be engaged. Children’s Mercy is not in any way providing legal advice, directing, endorsing, or responsible for your individual outcomes and experiences, which may vary.