

V I R G I N I A:

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR [juris]

[petitioner]

V

[ward]

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: [WARD]

[Petitioner] has filed with the Circuit Court of the City of Salem the attached petition to have a guardian for your person appointed. The role of a guardian would be to make decisions on your behalf, including decisions regarding your medical treatment.

A hearing on this petition will be held on [day, date] at [time] in the Circuit Court of [juris], [CtAddr]. At present, the hearing is scheduled to be heard by the Hon. [judge], Judge of the Circuit Court.

YOU HAVE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT RIGHTS:

- You have the right under Virginia Code §37.2-1006 to be represented by counsel (have your own attorney) and, if you ask, the Court will appoint an attorney to represent you.
- You have the right to be present at the hearing and all other stages of the proceedings.

- You have the right to present evidence (tell your side) on your own behalf; compel the attendance of witnesses; and to a trial by jury.
- You have the right to confront and cross-examine all witnesses providing evidence, including person(s) who prepared any comprehensive evaluation of your condition.

A guardian ad litem has been appointed by the Court to investigate and make an independent recommendation. A copy of the Order appointing the guardian ad litem is attached.

WARNING

AT THE HEARING YOU MAY LOSE MANY OF YOUR RIGHTS. A GUARDIAN MAY BE APPOINTED TO MAKE PERSONAL DECISIONS FOR YOU. A CONSERVATOR MAY BE APPOINTED TO MAKE DECISIONS CONCERNING YOUR PROPERTY AND FINANCES. THE APPOINTMENT MAY AFFECT CONTROL OF HOW YOU SPEND YOUR MONEY, HOW YOUR PROPERTY IS MANAGED AND CONTROLLED, WHO MAKES YOUR MEDICAL DECISIONS, WHERE YOU LIVE, WHETHER YOU ARE ALLOWED TO VOTE, AND OTHER IMPORTANT RIGHTS.

I certify that this form is in at least 14 point type (Verdana font) as required by 37.2-1004-D of the Code of Virginia.

By _____
Counsel