

441—7.16(17A) Authorized representatives.

7.16(1) Regulations. The provisions of this rule only apply to the extent the standards expressed in this rule are not in conflict with other state or federal law.

7.16(2) Designation of authority. Legally recognized delegations of authority, such as guardianships, applicable designations of power of attorney, or similar designations, shall be sufficient for a delegate to serve as authorized representative under this chapter. A person who is not designated a legally recognized delegation of authority but who otherwise seeks to act as an authorized representative for an individual in an appeal under this chapter shall provide a written, signed designation of authority to the department with the request for appeal. The designation must provide the scope of the representation, applicable waivers for the release of confidential information, and any temporal or other limitations on the scope of representation. An authorized representative of a party-in-interest only represents the party-in-interest and has no independent right to appeal by virtue of the authorized representative's representation.

7.16(3) Written designation. For a person other than an attorney seeking to act as an authorized representative of a party-in-interest in a Medicaid managed care appeal, the authorized representative's written designation of authority pursuant to subrule 7.16(2) shall be on an authorized representative form prescribed by the department. This form is required for all managed care appeals, including those handled through the expedited appeals process. Failure to provide the form or legal documentation may result in denial of the appeal request.

7.16(4) Appearance by attorney. Legal counsel appearing on behalf of any person in a proceeding under this chapter shall enter an appropriate written appearance.

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