

# WHAT TO DO AFTER THE GUARDIANSHIP HEARING



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**HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE TO  
BECOME GUARDIAN AFTER  
THE HEARING?**

You will be appointed guardian as soon as the Court has signed the paperwork you filed and any additional forms that are required are signed and/or filed with the Register in Chancery. Once this process has been completed, you will receive a certified copy of the order the Judge signed proving you are now the guardian.

**WHERE DO I NEED TO KEEP  
THE DISABLED PERSON'S  
MONEY?**

The Court requires all funds to be placed in a bank account with a Delaware bank. This account will have a special title that will be stated in the order appointing you as guardian that will limit your access except when permitted by a Court Order. The bank will keep a copy of this order in their files. You will have to file proof with the Court that the guardianship account was established.

**HOW DO I ENFORCE THE  
GUARDIANSHIP  
IF SOMEONE QUESTIONS ME?**

You should always have available a copy of the order that appointed you guardian as proof that you are able to make decisions on behalf of the disabled person. You can always refer those questioning you to contact the Court for verifying your appointment.

**WILL I HAVE TO KEEP ANY  
INFORMATION TO PROVIDE  
TO THE COURT AT  
ANOTHER TIME?**

You will first have to take inventory of what assets you will be handling for the disabled person. You will list that information on the inventory form that you will be given when you are appointed guardian. You will have to file this form within one month of being appointed guardian.

You will also have to keep all receipts to provide proof of how the disabled person's money was used. You must keep all bank statements, cancelled checks and receipts you receive for the disabled person's accounts. This information will be needed when you file an accounting each year after your appointment as guardian.

You will also be given a form that you will be required to file with the Court each year informing the Court of the disabled person's current address and medical information.