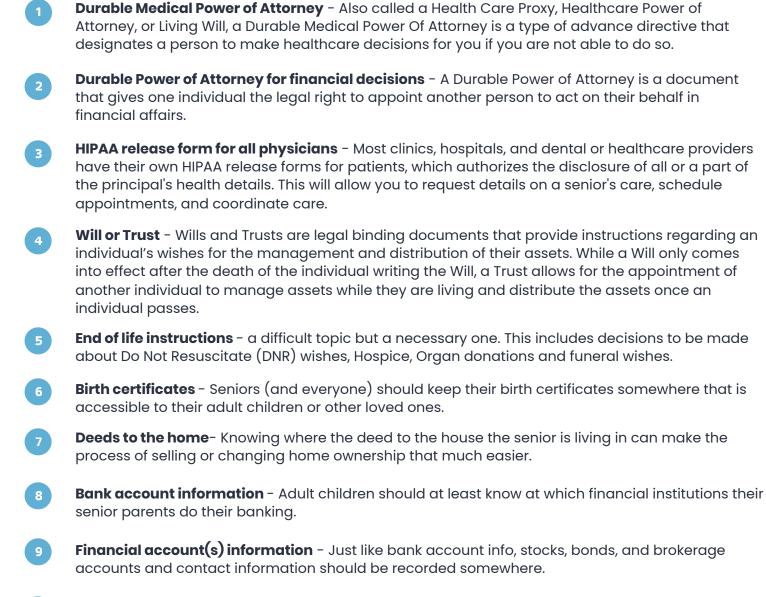
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The following information and documents will be helpful in your effort to assist aging parents



Health, Dental & Vision Insurance policies - Should the senior need medical attention, you will need to know who their insurance carrier is, aside from Medicare.

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Veteran's discharge papers - When vets are discharged, they receive discharge papers that are needed for such things as VA benefits, reduced mortgage rates, VA pensions, etc.

2 Death certificate of spouse, if applicable - A death certificate may be necessary to sell the house, the car, transfer accounts, etc.

Divorce decrees - If the senior has been divorced, having divorce decree available will spell out any conditions that adult children should be aware of.

Citizenship papers - Adult children or the relatives who are caring for an elderly loved one should be able to locate citizenship papers if the senior has become a citizen.

Retirement accounts & pensions - Knowing this information ensures that the individual receives the benefits they deserve. The company will need to be notified if the senior moves or has a change in bank information to prevent interruption in payments or access to funds.

Debt documentation - This includes information for credit cards, loans, purchase contracts, rental agreements, etc. These accounts will need to be paid.

17 **Vehicle titles** - If your senior parent can no longer drive or becomes incapacitated, someone will need to sell their vehicle, so the title should be kept in an easily accessible place.

Social security number - It's not a bad idea to have at least a copy of the social security card on file just in case it's needed for any reason. Although that information would most likely already be recorded with some of the other documents listed above.

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