

1 **4A-516. Letters of guardianship.**

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3 STATE OF NEW MEXICO
4 COUNTY OF _____
5 _____ JUDICIAL DISTRICT
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7 No. _____
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9 In the Matter of _____, (a) Child(ren), (*use initials only*) and
10 Concerning

11 _____, Petitioner(s)

12 [_____, Respondent(s).]

13 _____, Respondent #1,

14 _____, Respondent #2.
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19 **LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP**

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21 On _____, 20__ this court entered an order appointing
22 _____ (Petitioner(s)) as the guardian(s) of _____
23 _____ (minor child(ren)) under Sections 40-10B-1 to -
24 21 NMSA 1978 and Rule 1-155 NMRA.
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26 **WHEREFORE**, the order appointing kinship guardian(s) suspends the rights of the
27 Respondent(s) and vests in the guardian(s) all rights and responsibilities of a parent, except for the
28 right to consent to adoption of the child(ren), including but not limited to:
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30 1. Petitioner(s) is/are permitted to consent to medical, mental health, and dental
31 services and treatment for the minor child(ren) not prohibited by other law;
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33 2. Petitioner(s) is/are permitted to seek tribal, state, and federal benefits on behalf of
34 the child(ren) without reference to the income of Petitioners (the benefits should be based on the
35 parent(s)' income);
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37 3. Petitioner(s) is/are permitted to enroll the child(ren) in school and extracurricular
38 activities, including religious activities and ceremonies;
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40 4. Petitioner(s) shall be considered the education decision maker or surrogate parent
41 under Section 300.519 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
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43 5. Petitioner(s) is/are permitted to obtain and modify vital records for the child(ren);
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45 6. Petitioner(s) is/are permitted to
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WITNESS, the Honorable _____, District Court Judge, and the seal of the
_____ Judicial District Court on _____.

CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT

[SEAL]

Deputy

[Adopted by Supreme Court Order No. 22-8300-020, effective for all pleadings and papers filed
on or after December 31, 2022; as amended by Supreme Court Order No. S-1-RCR-2023-00052,
effective for all cases pending or filed on or after December 31, 2024.]