

**DOMESTIC RELATIONS FORMS  
FORM 4A-516  
[NEW MATERIAL]**

**Supreme Court Approved  
November 1, 2022**

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

STATE OF NEW MEXICO  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ JUDICIAL DISTRICT

No. \_\_\_\_\_

In the Matter of \_\_\_\_\_, (a) Child(ren),  
and Concerning \_\_\_\_\_, Petitioner(s)  
\_\_\_\_\_, Respondent(s).

**LETTERS OF GUARDIANSHIP**

On \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ this court entered an order appointing  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Petitioner(s)) as the guardian(s) of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (minor child(ren)) under Sections 40-10B-1 to -  
21 NMSA 1978 and Rule 1-155 NMRA.

**WHEREFORE**, the order appointing kinship guardian(s) suspends the rights of the  
Respondent(s) and vests in the guardian(s) all rights and responsibilities of a parent, except for the  
right to consent to adoption of the child(ren), including but not limited to:

1. Petitioner(s) is/are permitted to consent to medical, mental health, and dental  
services and treatment for the minor child(ren) not prohibited by other law;
2. Petitioner(s) is/are permitted to seek tribal, state, and federal benefits on behalf of  
the child(ren) without reference to the income of Petitioners (the benefits should be based on the  
parent(s)' income);
3. Petitioner(s) is/are permitted to enroll the child(ren) in school and extracurricular  
activities, including religious activities and ceremonies;
4. Petitioner(s) shall be considered the education decision maker or surrogate parent  
under Section 300.519 of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.
5. Petitioner(s) is/are permitted to obtain and modify vital records for the child(ren);
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

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Deputy

[Adopted by Supreme Court Order No. 22-8300-020, effective for all pleadings and papers filed  
on or after December 31, 2022.]