

## **Making a RA7H+P – a Representation Agreement with two authorities from section 7 of the BC Representation Agreement Act**

The BC Representation Agreement Act (RA Act) is world renowned!

Do NOT send any RA paperwork to Nidus by regular mail or email – it will be shredded or deleted.  
Click links on next page for more information and tips on making, registering and using RA7H+P.

The age of adulthood in BC is **19 years**. Parental rights end when a child turns 19. No one has automatic authority to act on behalf of an adult (not parents or even a spouse). **Adults can:**

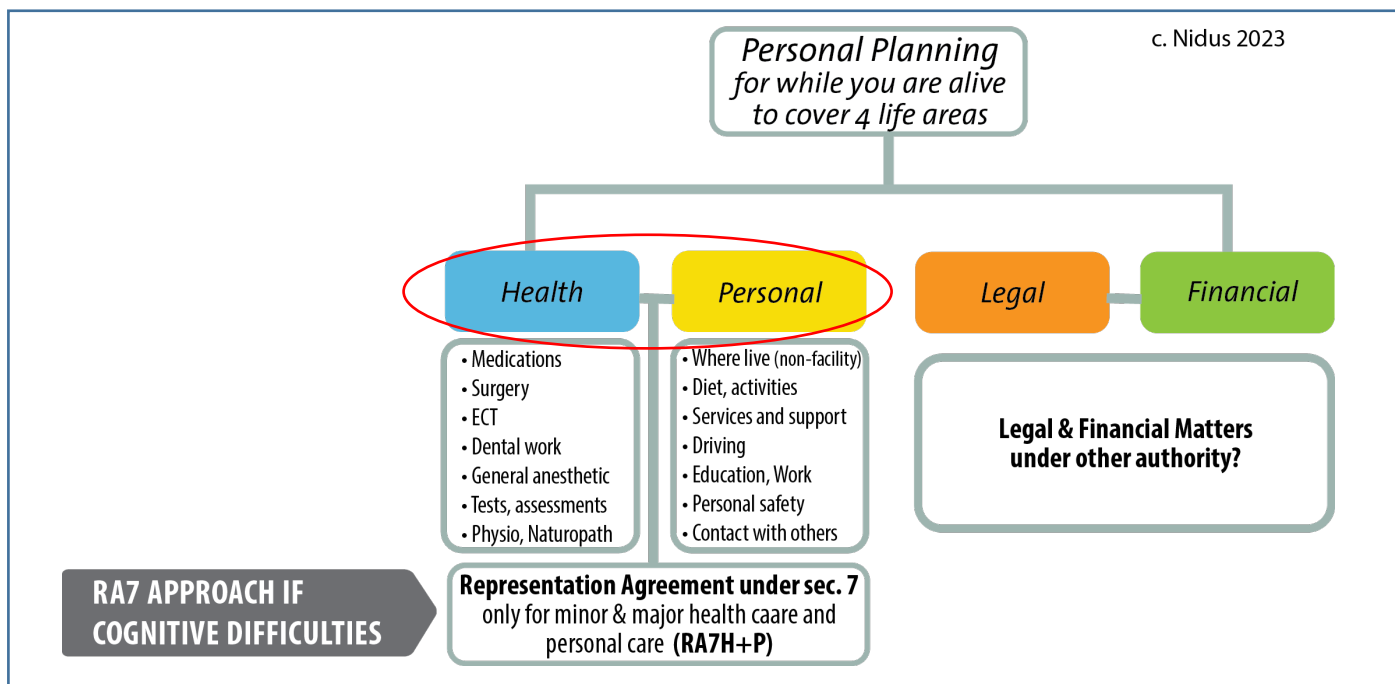
- 1) Be pro-active and make a legal document to give authority to someone; OR,
- 2) Do nothing, and authority will be IMPOSED.

**Traditionally**, the capability requirements for legal planning documents left out adults who have cognitive difficulties (maybe from a disability at birth, advanced dementia, brain injury, stroke, etc.) These adults could not be pro-active.

Thanks to a grass-roots law reform, BC has a new definition of capability in law.

- We call this the **RA7 approach** or RA7 path.
- Adults may make a Representation Agreement with authorities from section 7 of the RA Act, even if they have cognitive difficulties.
- The RA7 is law in BC and accommodates people with cognitive or intellectual impairment/disability.

### **RA7H+P is in a separate PDF – but please read these 2 pages!**



**RECOMMENDATION:** Save this document and the [Basic RA7H+P form](#) to your device. To avoid compatibility problems, open the PDF files using the universal software program called [Adobe Reader](#).

**TIP:** You will need a **printer** and you need to be able to access information online. Get help if you are not familiar with technology. You complete the RA form in **hardcopy**, so signatures are originals.

**BEFORE YOU START** – Click to read the [RA Overview](#) and [RA7](#) fact sheets.

## Do you have the right package?

Following is a list of **all four authorities** from section 7 of the RA Act (RA7ALL) as in graphic on page 1.

1. Minor and major **Health care** matters,
2. **Personal care** matters,
3. Obtain **Legal** services and instruct counsel..., and
4. Routine management of **Financial** affairs.

**RA7 is sometimes used as a generic term.** Nidus uses more specific terms (and has different RA7 Kits). Sometimes you have to mix and match, if a legal authority is already in place for some of the 4 areas:

- RA7ALL has **all 4 authorities** (as outlined above);
- **RA7H+P has two authorities (minor and major health care matters and personal care matters);**
- RA7F+L has two authorities (legal matters and routine management of financial affairs).

The **Basic RA7H+P** provided here is free and is for naming 1 representative and 1 alternate (optional).

**TIP:** Making a new RA does not automatically cancel a previous one. See link below about Revoking.

This package is for self-help. Click links below for answers to frequently asked questions.

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*A Windows-based computer will handle some things differently than a Mac computer.*

- > How to fill out form?- click [Sample RA7H+P](#)
- > The required Certificates refer to sections of RA Act? - [RA7H+P References in Certificates](#)
- > Can a paid person be named in the RA7H+P? NO - [Restrictions and Tips on Who to Name in RA](#)
- > How is someone with cognitive difficulties capable to make RA7H+P? - [RA7 Approach](#)
- > How is signing done? How can adult sign? (See p.2 at Tips) - [Tips for Signing](#)
- > How to document adult's style of communication & wishes? – [Tips for Adult's Wishes](#)
- > Who gets copies? What happens to original? - [Tips for Keeping Original and Distributing Copies](#)
- > Where to register the RA7H+P? - [How to Register Completed RA](#)
- > How to Use RA7H+P? – click for [General Guidelines on privacy duty & right to access info](#)
- > [Snapshot of H+P Authorities](#) and [Details on using RA7 for health and personal care](#)

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- > [Making Changes to RA](#) – What if change of address? What if change of people?
  - > [Revoking \(cancelling\) RA](#)
  - > More Information and fact sheets at [www.nidus.ca](http://www.nidus.ca) > click Information (top menu bar)
  - > Find the various Representation Agreement forms at <https://nidus.ca/ra-forms/>

**The RA7H+P form is available as a separate file in PDF format.** Click for [Terms of Use](#)

The **Basic RA7H+P** is 11 pages. **Download/Save it** to your device and open with [Adobe Reader](#) then:

- Type in the fillable fields and print a hardcopy, then complete it with dates and signatures.  
OR
- Print a hardcopy and handwrite neatly in fields, then complete it with dates and signatures.

Make a digital copy of the completed RA7H+P for your records – this involves getting it scanned in PDF format (all pages in one file). Then you can upload the scan to the Nidus Registry.

A medical assessment is not required for making any type of RA. A legal professional is not required for making any type of RA and it can be a problem if you go to a lawyer or notary public for the RA7.