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When an attorney-in-fact signs an arrangement agreement with a non-medical Homemaker Companion Registry on behalf of a client who is newly engaged in hospice, this involves key considerations:

### 1. Legal Authority

The attorney-in-fact (also known as an agent) must have the legal authority to act on behalf of the client. This authority is typically granted through a power of attorney (POA) document. It's essential that the POA includes the necessary scope for making such arrangements, and that it is still valid and hasn't been revoked.

### 2. Agreement Details

The agreement with a Homemaker Companion Registry must clearly outline the homemaker companion services to be provided, including assistance with activities of daily living, and any additional non-medical supports.

### 3. Compliance with Hospice Care

Collaboration between hospice and non-medical home care agencies is an essential aspect of providing comprehensive care to patients at the end of life. Homemaker companion agencies and registries provide a NARROW scope of non-medical support services. Service providers must have access to all durable medical equipment, in place, prior to scheduling care. A multidisciplinary approach, and Coordination between agencies such as:

- Hospice
- Skilled Home Health
- Non-Medical Live In
- Non-Medical Hourly

Must be made possible, with no barriers nor interference nor prohibition.

### 4. Financial Implications

As the attorney-in-fact, the agent must ensure that the costs associated with the services are within the financial capabilities of the client or are covered by insurance or other means.



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## **5. Client's Best Interests**

The decision to engage a homemaker companion registry must be made in the best interests of the client, focusing on their comfort, quality of life, and specific preferences.

## **6. Legal and Ethical Considerations**

The attorney-in-fact must ensure compliance with relevant laws and regulations, including those related to elder care and hospice, while also adhering to ethical standards in decision-making.

## **7. Documentation**

Proper documentation of the attorney-in-fact's authorization to enter into this agreement and any related communications should be offered, and maintained for legal clarity and accountability.

By carefully attending to these aspects, the attorney-in-fact can facilitate support for the hospice client in a manner that respects their needs and legal rights, as well as the needs for each level of care.