18-Year-Old Off to College

Forms Check List:

Healthcare Power of Attorney (POA) (sometimes called Proxy)

Allows someone to make medical decisions on your behalf, access your medical records and talk to your medical providers should you (student) not be able to.

Healthcare Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) Authorization

Allows you (student) to let parents talk to your doctors.

Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Allows parents access to educational records.

Property POA

Allows you (student) to appoint someone to make financial decisions for you should you become incapacitated.

Living Will

Allows you (student) to establish your end-of-life care preferences should you be unable to make those decisions.

A word on Insurance

If your child is going out of state (out of country), confirm that your health care will cover them in that state. Look into evacuation insurance if out of the country. Worth a call.

It is a good idea to have these forms for both the home state and your college state. Note, these forms may have different requirements in different states (number of witnesses if any, notarized).

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