



## **PO 220.2: Representation**

**PR 220.2.**

The appellant may represent themselves and/or may authorize legal counsel, a relative, a friend, or other spokesperson to represent them.

A written authorization is not required unless the appellant is not present at the hearing **and**

- the representative is an employee, agent, or representative of a hospital; *or*
- the representative is an employee, agent, or representative of a long term care facility; *or*
- in the Hearing Officer's judgment, there is reason to question the representative's authority to serve as a representative.

A protective payee may represent the client. A legal guardian or other appointed representative may represent a client as authorized by a court of law. The GA Unit may request identification and other verification; however, a statement signed by the client is not required.

Any action or inaction by the appellant's representative is considered action or inaction by the appellant.

