



NEW YORK STATE'S NEXT-OF-KIN / FINAL DISPOSITION PRIORITY LIST*

(In Descending Order)

- **Person designated** in written instrument (final disposition "agent");
- **Spouse**;
- **Domestic Partner**;
- **Any Child** 18 or Older;
- **Either Parent**;
- Any **Brother or Sister** 18 or Older;
- Authorized Guardian;
- Person 18 or Older now **Eligible to Receive an Estate Distribution**, in the following descending order:
 - **Grandchildren**;
 - **Great-Grandchildren**;
 - **Nieces and Nephews**;
 - **Grand-nieces and Grand-nephews**;
 - **Grandparents**;
 - **Aunts and Uncles**;
 - **First Cousins**;
 - **Great-Grandchildren of Grandparents**;
 - **Second Cousins**;
- **Fiduciary**;
- **Close friend or other relative** who is reasonably familiar with the decedent's wishes, including his or her religious or moral beliefs, when no one higher on the list is available, willing, or competent to act, and who completes the "At-Need Written Statement" form;
- **Public administrator** (or the same official in a county not having a public administrator); or, **anyone willing to act on behalf of the decedent** who completes the "At-Need Written Statement" form.

** Pursuant to Section 4201 of the NYS Public Health Law.*