

ADULT CONSERVATORSHIPS AND PROTECTIVE ORDERS FILING INFORMATION

1. What you need to know before filing a petition to appoint a conservator or issue a protective order for an adult

Please review the **attached pamphlet**, which provides information on adult conservatorships and on their alternatives.

2. Filing the petition

A Petition for Appointment of Conservator or Protective Order is attached, along with instructions for its completion. In order to ask the court for a conservator or a protective order **you must complete this petition and file it with the court.**

3. Filing Fee

In order to file a petition for conservatorship or protective order you must pay a **\$150 filing fee** (cash, check, or money order). Make any check or money order out to “Ingham County Probate Court.”

4. Investigation Fee and Certified Copy Fee

Once you file your petition, an **investigator** will be appointed to gather information about the request and make recommendations to the judge. ***If the court approves your petition, then, pursuant to statutory authorization (MCL 600.875), you will be assessed a \$25 fee for reimbursement of the costs of investigation.*** This fee may also be assessed if there is an additional investigation based on a request for a temporary conservator of protective order.

If you wish to receive a certified copy of the Letters of Conservatorship if and when a conservator is appointed, there is a statutorily-fixed **\$11 fee** for this copy.

5. After you file your petition

If and when you decide to petition for conservatorship or protective order, a **hearing date** will be set and there will be some other things you will need to do, including the following:

- **Serve notice of the hearing on your petition to all interested persons** (including publishing notice on any interested person whose whereabouts are unknown)

- **File a Proof of Service** indicating that you have informed all relevant people in a timely manner.

More details on this are available under “Adult Conservatorships and Protective Orders: Service Information.”