

**Maine Revised Statutes**  
**Title 18-A: PROBATE CODE**

**Article :**

**§5-944. BENEFITS FROM GOVERNMENTAL PROGRAMS OR CIVIL OR MILITARY SERVICE**

(a). As used in this section, "benefit from governmental programs or civil or military service" means any benefit, program or assistance provided under a statute, rule or regulation including Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

[ 2009, c. 292, §2 (NEW); 2009, c. 292, §6 (AFF) .]

(b). Unless the power of attorney otherwise provides, language in a power of attorney granting general authority with respect to benefits from governmental programs or civil or military service authorizes the agent to:

(1). Execute vouchers in the name of the principal for allowances and reimbursements payable by the United States or a foreign government or by a state or subdivision of a state to the principal, including allowances and reimbursements for transportation of the individuals described in section 5-943, subsection (a), paragraph (1) and for shipment of their household effects; [2009, c. 292, §2 (NEW); 2009, c. 292, §6 (AFF) .]

(2). Take possession and order the removal and shipment of property of the principal from a post, warehouse, depot, dock or other place of storage or safekeeping, either governmental or private, and execute and deliver a release, voucher, receipt, bill of lading, shipping ticket, certificate or other instrument for that purpose; [2009, c. 292, §2 (NEW); 2009, c. 292, §6 (AFF) .]

(3). Enroll in, apply for, select, reject, change, amend or discontinue, on the principal's behalf, a benefit or program; [2009, c. 292, §2 (NEW); 2009, c. 292, §6 (AFF) .]

(4). Prepare, file and maintain a claim of the principal for a benefit or assistance, financial or otherwise, to which the principal may be entitled under a statute, rule or regulation; [2009, c. 292, §2 (NEW); 2009, c. 292, §6 (AFF) .]

(5). Initiate, participate in, submit to alternative dispute resolution, settle, oppose or propose or accept a compromise with respect to litigation concerning any benefit or assistance the principal may be entitled to receive under a statute, rule or regulation; and [2009, c. 292, §2 (NEW); 2009, c. 292, §6 (AFF) .]

(6). Receive the financial proceeds of a claim described in paragraph (4) and conserve, invest, disburse or use for a lawful purpose anything so received. [2009, c. 652, Pt. A, §18 (AMD) .]

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