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**Summary**

Updated Clarifying Information #5 under WAC 388-460-0005:

**5. Individuals who have Power of Attorney for a client:**

- a. If an individual has Power of Attorney for a client, the person can be the client's authorized representative without the client having to specifically designate them as the client's authorized representative.
- b. If ~~an individual has a~~ it is limited, the Power of Attorney ~~for a client, the Power of Attorney~~ document must specifically give the person authority to act on the client's behalf for ~~public assistance, food stamps, or Basic Food benefits~~ managing financial matters. If the document doesn't give the person this authority, the client must name the person as their authorized representative if they want them to act on their behalf ~~for Basic Food~~.