

Table 7. Family Member's Preferred Means of Communication

State	Spoken	Gestures or Body Language	Sign Language or Finger Spelling	Communication Aid or Device	Other	N
AK	84%	7%	4%	2%	3%	123
AZ	80%	13%	1%	3%	3%	328
DC	74%	18%	4%	1%	3%	231
FL	71%	18%	3%	3%	6%	430
GA	76%	17%	2%	1%	5%	437
HI	78%	17%	1%	2%	3%	218
LA	77%	15%	1%	1%	7%	391
MD	78%	17%	2%	1%	3%	730
MS	69%	22%	1%	0%	7%	449
NC	72%	22%	2%	2%	2%	251
NH	84%	10%	4%	1%	1%	447
OK	75%	19%	2%	0%	3%	472
PA	85%	10%	1%	2%	3%	442
VA	65%	29%	1%	1%	4%	150
WA	76%	13%	2%	1%	8%	432
NCI Average	76%	16%	2%	1%	4%	5,531

Table 8. Family Member Has Legal Court Appointed Guardian or Conservator

State	None	Limited	Full	Has Guardianship. Level Is Unknown	N
AK	0%	4%	96%	0%	138
AZ	25%	8%	65%	1%	320
DC	29%	11%	50%	10%	217
FL	36%	18%	42%	4%	400
GA	40%	15%	40%	5%	397
HI	17%	10%	71%	2%	206
LA	63%	6%	22%	9%	336
MD	50%	12%	32%	6%	671
MS	35%	10%	49%	6%	433
NC	15%	13%	67%	6%	248
NH	16%	9%	72%	2%	445
OK	22%	8%	66%	4%	460
PA	50%	10%	36%	4%	399
VA	22%	12%	64%	2%	153
WA	28%	11%	56%	4%	412
NCI Average	30%	10%	55%	4%	5,235

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