Wisconsin Organ Donation Checklist
Registering & Documenting Your Decision

✅ REGISTRATION OPTIONS **(Pick one or more)**

Method	**✓ Done**	**Notes**
DMV Driver's License/State ID	☐	Check "YES" box – gets orange "DONOR" dot
Online Registry	☐	DonateLifeWisconsin.org – no DMV dot needed
Tax Return (2025+)	☐	New option when filing WI taxes
Written document	☐	Signed statement kept with estate papers

Age requirement:15+ or emancipated minor.

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✅ WISCONSIN FIRST-PERSON AUTHORIZATION **(Legally binding)**

Feature	✓ **Confirmed**
Your decision controls (not family after death)	☐
Registry checked at death by hospitals/OPOs	☐
Works for organs, eyes, tissue	☐
Can be research/education use	☐

Key fact: Adult registration = binding gift. Family cannot override.

✅ FAMILY COMMUNICATION **(Prevents confusion)**

Step	✓ **Done**
Told spouse/partner your wishes	☐
Told adult children your decision	☐
Parents/siblings know (if relevant)	☐
Discussed with health care agent	☐

Pro tip: Families often get asked even with registry – clear conversations save stress.

✅ DOCUMENTATION BACKUP **(Beyond registry)**

Optional	✓ **Added**
Repeat in will ("I am registered donor")	☐
Note in estate file	☐
Tell attorney for client records	☐
Driver's license has DONOR dot	☐

✅ CHANGING YOUR MIND **(Easy updates)**

To Remove:	✓ **Know How**
DMV: Don't renew "yes" box	☐
Online: Update at DonateLifeWisconsin.org	☐
Written docs: Destroy old versions	☐

Update after life changes or new views.

✅ WHAT HAPPENS AT DEATH

Process	✓ **Understand**
Hospital notifies OPO (organ procurement org)	☐
Registry checked (not just license)	☐
Medical suitability tested	☐
Open casket usually OK	☐
Funeral timing unaffected	☐

🚨 COMMON QUESTIONS

Q: Does this affect my care?	**A:** No **– doctors save your life first**
Q: Minors can register?	A: Yes (15+), parents can override
Q: Family asked anyway?	A: Often – your registry guides them
Q: Out-of-state valid?	A: Yes – national registry backup

📋 ACTION STEPS – Complete Today

1. Register: DMV OR online at DonateLifeWisconsin.org
2. Tell 3 family members your decision
3. Check driver's license has "DONOR" dot (if wanted)
4. Note in will/estate file for backup
5. Discuss with health care agent

One donor = 8 lives saved + 75 improved.

Wisconsin follows Revised Uniform Anatomical Gift Act. Attorney can coordinate with estate plan.