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## CONSERVATORSHIP OF D.

## Submitted on Briefs October 20, 2021 Decided October 28, 2021

## Panel: STANFILL, C.J., and MEAD, GORMAN, JABAR, HUMPHREY, HORTON, and CONNORS, JJ.

## MEMORANDUM OF DECISION

D. appeals from a judgment entered in the York County Probate Court (*Houde, J.*), after a testimonial hearing, appointing the Department of Health and Human Services as D.'s conservator. Contrary to D.'s contentions, the record contains sufficient competent evidence to support the court's findings, by clear and convincing evidence, that D. is "unable to manage [her] property or financial affairs because . . . [o]f a limitation in [her] ability to receive and evaluate information or make or communicate decisions"; that appointment of a conservator is necessary either to avoid harm to D. or to obtain money needed for her support, care, health, or welfare; and that D.'s "identified needs cannot be met by less restrictive alternatives." 18-C M.R.S. § 5-401(2) (2021); see *Guardianship of McIntosh*, 2015 ME 95, ¶ 16, 120 A.3d 654; see also In re Cyr, 2005 ME 61, ¶ 16, 873 A.2d 355. Furthermore, the court did not abuse its discretion in determining the scope of the conservatorship. See 18-C M.R.S. § 5-401(3); Guardianship of McIntosh, 2015 ME 95, ¶ 20, 120 A.3d 654; Estate of Bragdon, 2005 ME 85, ¶ 13, 875 A.2d 697.

The entry is:

Judgment affirmed.

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