

# Pre-Send Scripts

*Optional messages to send before delivering the main agreement*

## Pre-Send Script A — Frame-Setting Message

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**When to use:** Send 24-72 hours before agreement delivery to prevent "blindside" accusation.

**[Sibling Name],**

I need to put something in writing about **[Parent]**'s care. This isn't about blame, it's about making sure we're both clear on expectations. I'm going to send you a document in the next few days. Please read it and respond by the deadline I include.

## Pre-Send Script B — "Why Written" Message

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**When to use:** Send before agreement delivery if you anticipate sibling will object to formalization as "treating family like a business."

**[Sibling Name],**

I know putting care responsibilities in writing might feel formal. I'm doing this because verbal agreements haven't worked. A written record protects both of us from misunderstanding. This isn't about trust, it's about clarity.

## Pre-Send Script C — Deadline Announcement

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**When to use:** Send the same day as or immediately before agreement delivery to ensure your sibling knows a response is required by a specific date.

**[Sibling Name],**

I'm sending you a document about **[Parent]**'s care today. I need your response by **[Deadline]**. If I don't hear from you by then, I'll proceed with the alternative I've outlined.

**LEGAL NOTE:** Family members generally have no legal obligation to contribute to another adult's care costs unless they have signed a written agreement, are designated as financially responsible by court order, or are subject to filial responsibility laws (which exist in some states but are rarely enforced). This script describes how some caregivers communicate boundaries about their own participation—it does not create legal obligations for others. Only request financial contributions you are legally entitled to request, and never represent an obligation that has not been legally established. Consult an attorney if you need to pursue actual debt collection.