

(2) A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER THAT BECOMES AWARE THAT A REGISTRANT HAS AMENDED OR REVOKED A REGISTERED ADVANCE DIRECTIVE SHALL, AT THE REQUEST OF THE REGISTRANT, ~~ASSIST THE REGISTRANT IN NOTIFYING~~ PROVIDE THE REGISTRANT WITH INFORMATION ON HOW TO NOTIFY THE REGISTRY.

(C) AN INDIVIDUAL IS NOT REQUIRED TO SUBMIT AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE TO THE REGISTRY.

(D) NOTHING IN THIS PART II OF THIS SUBTITLE AFFECTS THE VALIDITY OF AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE THAT IS NOT SUBMITTED TO THE REGISTRY.

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(A) THE REGISTRY SHALL CONSIST OF A SECURE, ELECTRONIC DATABASE TO WHICH AUTHORIZED ACCESS IS AVAILABLE 24 HOURS PER DAY, 7 DAYS PER WEEK.

(B) THE SECRETARY SHALL SPECIFY IN REGULATIONS THE PERSONS WHO ARE AUTHORIZED TO ACCESS THE REGISTRY, INCLUDING:

(1) THE REGISTRANT OR THE REGISTRANT'S DESIGNEE; AND

(2) REPRESENTATIVES OF A HEALTH CARE FACILITY IN WHICH A REGISTRANT IS RECEIVING HEALTH CARE.

(C) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS REGARDING ACCESS TO THE REGISTRY, INCLUDING PROCEDURES TO PROTECT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT MAY PERFORM EVALUATIONS OF THE REGISTRY.

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BEFORE ACCEPTING AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE INTO THE REGISTRY, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL REVIEW AND VERIFY THAT THE ADVANCE DIRECTIVE INCLUDES:

(1) THE SIGNATURE OF THE DECLARANT;

(2) THE DATE ON WHICH THE ADVANCE DIRECTIVE WAS SIGNED BY THE DECLARANT; AND

(3) THE SIGNATURE OF TWO WITNESSES AS PROVIDED IN § 5-602(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

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A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER IS NOT SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OR CIVIL LIABILITY OR DEEMED TO HAVE ENGAGED IN UNPROFESSIONAL CONDUCT AS DETERMINED BY THE APPROPRIATE LICENSING AUTHORITY FOR:

(1) FAILURE TO ACCESS THE REGISTRY; OR

(2) RELYING ON INFORMATION PROVIDED BY THE REGISTRY.