

(I) IF THE ADVANCE DIRECTIVE IS WRITTEN, MAKE THE ADVANCE DIRECTIVE OR A COPY OF THE ADVANCE DIRECTIVE A PART OF THE DECLARANT'S MEDICAL RECORDS; OR

(II) IF THE ADVANCE DIRECTIVE IS ORAL, MAKE THE FACT OF THE ADVANCE DIRECTIVE, INCLUDING THE DATE THE ADVANCE DIRECTIVE WAS MADE AND THE NAME OF THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, A PART OF THE DECLARANT'S MEDICAL RECORDS.

(G) NOTICE TO AGENT. - IT SHALL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DECLARANT TO NOTIFY A HEALTH CARE AGENT THAT THE AGENT HAS BEEN NAMED IN AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE TO ACT ON THE DECLARANT'S BEHALF.

(H) STANDARDS FOR AGENT. - UNLESS OTHERWISE PROVIDED IN THE PATIENT'S ADVANCE DIRECTIVE, A PATIENT'S AGENT SHALL ACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF § 5-606(C) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(I) NO PRESUMPTION OF INTENT. - THE ABSENCE OF AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE CREATES NO PRESUMPTION AS TO THE PATIENT'S INTENT TO CONSENT TO OR REFUSE LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURES.

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HEALTH CARE DECISION MAKING FORMS

THE FOLLOWING FORMS ALLOW YOU TO MAKE SOME DECISIONS ABOUT FUTURE HEALTH CARE ISSUES. FORM I, CALLED A "LIVING WILL", ALLOWS YOU TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURES IF, IN THE FUTURE, YOUR DEATH FROM A TERMINAL CONDITION IS IMMINENT DESPITE THE APPLICATION OF LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURES OR YOU ARE IN A PERSISTENT VEGETATIVE STATE. FORM II, CALLED AN "ADVANCE DIRECTIVE", ALLOWS YOU TO SELECT A HEALTH CARE AGENT, GIVE HEALTH CARE INSTRUCTIONS, OR BOTH. IF YOU USE THE ADVANCE DIRECTIVE, YOU CAN MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURES IN THE EVENT OF TERMINAL CONDITION, PERSISTENT VEGETATIVE STATE, OR END-STAGE CONDITION. YOU CAN ALSO USE THE ADVANCE DIRECTIVE TO MAKE ANY OTHER HEALTH CARE DECISIONS.

THESE FORMS ARE INTENDED TO BE GUIDES. YOU CAN USE ONE FORM OR BOTH, AND YOU MAY COMPLETE ALL OR ONLY PART OF THE FORMS THAT YOU USE. DIFFERENT FORMS MAY ALSO BE USED.

PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU DECIDE TO SELECT A HEALTH CARE AGENT THAT PERSON MAY NOT BE A WITNESS TO YOUR ADVANCE DIRECTIVE. ALSO, AT LEAST ONE OF YOUR WITNESSES MAY NOT BE A PERSON WHO MAY FINANCIALLY BENEFIT BY REASON OF YOUR DEATH.