

~~(1) ANY PERSON ENTITLED TO APPOINTMENT AS GUARDIAN OF A PATIENT UNDER § 13 707 OF THE ESTATES AND TRUSTS ARTICLE;~~

~~(2) AN INDIVIDUAL AUTHORIZED UNDER § 5 605(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE TO MAKE DECISIONS ABOUT THE HEALTH CARE OF THE PATIENT; OR~~

~~(3) A HEALTH CARE PROVIDER FOR THE PATIENT.~~

~~(L)~~ ~~(N)~~ ~~(M)~~ (1) "LIFE-PROLONGING LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURE" MEANS ANY MEDICAL PROCEDURE, TREATMENT, OR INTERVENTION THAT:

(I) UTILIZES MECHANICAL OR OTHER ARTIFICIAL MEANS TO SUSTAIN, RESTORE, OR SUPPLANT A SPONTANEOUS VITAL FUNCTION; AND

(II) IS OF SUCH A NATURE AS TO AFFORD A PATIENT NO REASONABLE EXPECTATION OF RECOVERY FROM A TERMINAL CONDITION, PERSISTENT VEGETATIVE STATE, OR ~~INEVITABLY FATAL~~ END-STAGE CONDITION.

(2) "~~LIFE-PROLONGING~~ LIFE-SUSTAINING PROCEDURE" INCLUDES ARTIFICIALLY ADMINISTERED HYDRATION AND NUTRITION, AND CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION.

~~(O)~~ ~~(N)~~ "MEDICALLY INEFFECTIVE TREATMENT" MEANS THAT, TO A REASONABLE DEGREE OF MEDICAL PROBABILITY CERTAINTY, A MEDICAL PROCEDURE WILL NOT:

(1) PREVENT OR REDUCE THE DETERIORATION OF THE HEALTH OF AN INDIVIDUAL; OR

(2) PREVENT THE IMPENDING DEATH OF AN INDIVIDUAL.

~~(M)~~ ~~(P)~~ ~~(O)~~ "PERSISTENT VEGETATIVE STATE" MEANS A CONDITION CAUSED BY INJURY, DISEASE, OR ILLNESS:

(1) IN WHICH A PATIENT HAS SUFFERED A LOSS OF CONSCIOUSNESS, EXHIBITING NO BEHAVIORAL EVIDENCE OF SELF-AWARENESS OR AWARENESS OF SURROUNDINGS IN A LEARNED MANNER OTHER THAN REFLEX ACTIVITY OF MUSCLES AND NERVES FOR LOW LEVEL CONDITIONED RESPONSE; AND

(2) FROM WHICH, AFTER THE PASSAGE OF A MEDICALLY SUFFICIENT APPROPRIATE PERIOD OF TIME IT CAN BE DETERMINED TO A REASONABLE DEGREE OF MEDICAL PROBABILITY CERTAINTY, THAT THERE CAN BE NO RECOVERY.

~~(N)~~ ~~(O)~~ ~~(P)~~ "PHYSICIAN" MEANS A PERSON LICENSED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THE STATE OR IN THE JURISDICTION WHERE THE TREATMENT IS TO BE RENDERED OR WITHHELD.