

~~GIVEN THE SAME EFFECT AS AN EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES "DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDER" AS SET FORTH IN § 5-608(A) OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~(E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PRINT AND DISTRIBUTE THE "PHYSICIAN ORDERS FOR LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT" FORM DEVELOPED BY THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL UNDER THIS SECTION.~~

~~(F) (E) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION IN CONSULTATION THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, IN DEVELOPING THE "PATIENT'S PLAN OF CARE" FORM IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, SHALL CONSULT WITH:~~

~~(1) THE OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THE DEPARTMENT;~~

~~(2) RELIGIOUS GROUPS AND INSTITUTIONS WITH AN INTEREST IN END-OF-LIFE CARE; AND~~

~~(3) ONE OR MORE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE COMMUNITY OF INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES; AND~~

~~(4) ANY OTHER GROUP THE DEPARTMENT OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IDENTIFIES AS APPROPRIATE FOR CONSULTATION.~~

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(a) (1) 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 as a result of withholding or withdrawing any health care under authorization obtained in accordance with this subtitle.

(2) A health care provider providing, withholding, or withdrawing treatment under authorization obtained under this subtitle does not incur liability arising out of any claim to the extent the claim is based on lack of consent or authorization for the action.

(b) A person who authorizes the provision, withholding, or withdrawal of life-sustaining procedures in accordance with a patient's advance directive or as otherwise provided in this subtitle is not subject to:

(1) Criminal prosecution or civil liability for that action; or

(2) Liability for the cost of treatment solely on the basis of that authorization.

(c) (1) The provisions of this section shall apply unless it is shown by a preponderance of the evidence that the person authorizing or effectuating the provision, withholding, or withdrawal of life-sustaining procedures in accordance with this subtitle did not, in good faith, comply with the provisions of this subtitle.

(2) The distribution to patients of written advance directives in a form provided in this subtitle and assistance to patients in the completion and execution of such forms does not constitute the unauthorized practice of law.