

Article – Health – General  
 Section 5–602(f), 5–608.1, and 19–344(f)(5)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
 Article – Health – General  
 Section 5–619(b)  
 Annotated Code of Maryland  
 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)  
 (As enacted by Chapter 223 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2006)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

**Article – Health – General**

5–602.

(f) (1) It shall be the responsibility of the declarant to notify the attending physician that an advance directive has been made. In the event the declarant becomes comatose, incompetent, or otherwise incapable of communication, any other person may notify the physician of the existence of an advance directive.

(2) An attending physician who is notified of the existence of the advance directive shall promptly:

(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 substance 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.

(3) If the care of a declarant is transferred from one health care provider to another, the transferring health care provider may prepare [a "Patient's Plan of Care"] AN "INSTRUCTIONS ON CURRENT LIFE–SUSTAINING TREATMENT OPTIONS" form in accordance with § 5–608.1 of this subtitle.

(4) If the transferring health care provider prepares [a "Patient's Plan of Care"] AN "INSTRUCTIONS ON CURRENT LIFE–SUSTAINING TREATMENT OPTIONS" form in accordance with § 5–608.1 of this subtitle, the transferring health care provider shall: