



*Introduction to Your
Texas
Advance Directives*

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TEXAS MEDICAL POWER OF ATTORNEY

Lets you name someone to make decisions about your medical care – including decisions about life support – if you can no longer speak for yourself. Your attending physician must certify in writing that you are unable to make health care decisions and file the certification in your medical record. The Medical Power of Attorney is especially useful because it appoints someone to speak for you any time you are unable to make your own medical decisions, not only at the end of life.

TEXAS DIRECTIVE TO PHYSICIANS

This is Texas' living will. It lets you state your wishes about medical care in the event that you develop a terminal or irreversible condition and can no longer make your own medical decisions. The Directive becomes effective when your attending physician certifies in writing that you have a terminal or irreversible condition.

OUT OF HOSPITAL DNR

This will inform paramedics not to initiate CPR outside the hospital. It allows you as a terminally ill patient to refuse CPR. You will need the actual document, I.D. bracelet or I.D. necklace.

MENTAL HEALTH DECLARATION

Allows you the patient to tell the hospital what kinds of Mental Health Treatment you want in the event you cannot make the decisions.