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Advance Directive

Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare
(Patient Advocate Designation)

Introduction

This document provides a way for an individual to create a Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare (Patient Advocate Designation) and other documentation that will meet the basic requirements for this state.

This **Advance Directive** allows you to appoint a person (and alternates) to make your health care decisions if you become unable to make these decisions for yourself. The person you appoint is called your **Patient Advocate.** This document gives your Patient Advocate authority to make your decisions *only when you have been determined unable to make your own decisions by two physicians, or a physician and a licensed psychologist*.

It *does not* give your Patient Advocate any authority to make your financial or other business decisions.

Before completing this document, take time to read it carefully. **It also is very important that you discuss your views, your values, and this document with your Patient Advocate.** If you do not closely involve your Patient Advocate, and you do not make a clear plan together, your views and values may not be fully respected because they will not be understood.

This document was developed to meet the legal requirements of Michigan. It is not designed to replace the counsel of your attorney.

This is an Advance Directive for *(print legibly)***:**

Name: ____________________ Date of Birth:__________ Last 4 digits of SSN:______

Telephone (Day): ______________ (Evening): ______________ (Cell): ______________

Address: ____

City/State/Zip: ____

Where I would like to receive hospital care (whenever possible): ____________________

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Advance Directive: My Patient Advocate

If I am no longer able to make my own health care decisions, this document names the person I choose to make these choices for me. This person will be my Patient Advocate. This person will make my health care decisions when I am determined, by either two physicians or a physician and licensed psychologist, to be incapable of making health care decisions. I understand that it is important to have ongoing discussions with my Patient Advocate about my health and health care choices. I hereby give my Patient Advocate permission to send a copy of this document to other doctors, hospitals and health care providers that provide my medical care.

(NOTE: If your wishes change**, you may revoke your Patient Advocate Designation at any time and in any manner sufficient to communicate an intent to revoke.* ***It is recommended that you complete a new Advance Directive and give it to everyone who has a previous copy.)

The person I choose as my Patient Advocate is

Name: ______________________________ Relationship (if any):__________

Telephone (Day): ____________ (Evening): ____________(Cell): ______________

Address: ____

City/State/Zip Code: ____

First Alternate (Successor) Patient Advocate (strongly advised)

If Patient Advocate above is not capable or willing to make these choices for me, then I designate the following person to serve as my Patient Advocate.

Name: ______________________________ Relationship (if any):__________

Telephone (Day): ____________ (Evening): ____________(Cell): ______________

Address: ____

City/State/Zip Code: ____

Second Alternate (Successor) Patient Advocate (strongly advised)

If the Patient Advocates named above are not capable or willing to make these choices for me, then I designate the following person to serve as my Patient Advocate.

Name: ______________________________ Relationship (if any):__________

Telephone (Day): ____________ (Evening): ____________(Cell): ______________

Address: ____

City/State/Zip Code: ____

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Advance Directive Signature Page

I have instructed my Patient Advocate(s) concerning my wishes and goals in the use of life-sustaining treatment - such as, but not limited to: ventilator (breathing machine), cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), nutritional tube feedings, intravenous hydration, kidney dialysis, blood pressure or antibiotic medications—and hereby give my Patient Advocate(s) express permission to help me achieve my goals of care. This may include beginning, not starting, or stopping treatment(s). I understand that such decisions could or would allow my death. ***Medications and treatment intended to provide comfort or pain relief shall not be withheld or withdrawn.***

☐ I expressly authorize my Patient Advocate to make decisions to withhold or withdraw treatment which would allow me to die, and I acknowledge such decisions could or would allow my death.

This Advance Directive includes the following sections: Spiritual/Religious Preferences; End of Life Care; Anatomical Gift(s) - Organ/Tissue/Body Donation; Autopsy Preference; Burial/Cremation Preference; Mental Health Treatment. May also include: Treatment Preferences (Goals of Care); Statement of Treatment Preferences

Signature of the Individual in the Presence of the Following Witnesses

I am providing these instructions of my own free will. I have not been required to give them in order to receive care or have care withheld or withdrawn. I am at least eighteen (18) years old and of sound mind.

Signature: ____Date: ____________

Address: ____

City/State/Zip Code: ____

Signatures of Witnesses

I know this person to be the individual identified as the "Individual" signing this form. I believe him or her to be of sound mind and at least eighteen (18) years of age. I personally saw him or her sign this form, and I believe that he or she did so voluntarily and without duress, fraud, or undue influence. By signing this document as a witness, I certify that I am:

- At least 18 years of age.
- Not the Patient Advocate or alternate Patient Advocate appointed by the person signing this document.
- Not the patient's spouse, parent, child, grandchild, sibling or presumptive heir.
- Not listed to be a beneficiary of, or entitled to, any gift from the patient's estate.
- Not directly financially responsible for the patient's health care.
- Not a health care provider directly serving the patient at this time.
- Not an employee of a health care or insurance provider directly serving the patient at this time.

Witness Number 1:

Signature: ____ Date: ____________

Print Name: ____

Address: ____

City/State/Zip Code: ____

Witness Number 2:

Signature: ____ Date: ____________

Print Name: ____

Address: ____

City/State/Zip Code: ____

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