

ASSEMBLY BILL NO. 414—ASSEMBLYWOMAN BACKUS

MARCH 27, 2023

Referred to Committee on Judiciary

SUMMARY—Revises provisions governing powers of attorney. (BDR 13-797)

FISCAL NOTE: Effect on Local Government: No. Effect on the State: No.

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EXPLANATION – Matter in *bolded italics* is new; matter between brackets ~~omitted material~~ is material to be omitted.

AN ACT relating to powers of attorney; adopting the Uniform Health Care Decisions Act; repealing various provisions relating to powers of attorney for health care; and providing other matters properly relating thereto.

Legislative Counsel’s Digest:

1 Existing law sets forth provisions governing durable powers of attorney for
2 health care decisions. (NRS 162A.700-162A.870) This bill repeals such provisions
3 and instead adopts the Uniform Health Care Decisions Act.
4 **Section 28** of this bill provides that an individual is presumed to have the
5 capacity to make health care decisions and make or revoke a health care instruction
6 or a power of attorney for health care, unless a health care provider or a court
7 determines that the individual does not understand and appreciate the nature and
8 consequences of certain decisions. **Section 29** of this bill provides that such a
9 presumption may be rebutted by a determination of a court under **section 31** of this
10 bill or certain health care providers if such providers have examined the individual
11 and found the individual to lack capacity. **Section 30** of this bill authorizes an
12 individual to object to the finding that the individual lacks capacity and that, with
13 certain exceptions, the objection is sufficient to treat the individual as having
14 capacity. **Section 31**: (1) authorizes certain persons to petition the court to make a
15 determination on whether the individual lacks capacity; and (2) requires the court to
16 comply with certain procedural requirements concerning such a petition.
17 **Section 32** of this bill authorizes an individual to make a health care instruction
18 which includes certain preferences regarding the health care of the individual.
19 **Section 33** of this bill sets forth the requirements to execute a power of attorney
20 for health care and specifies who may not act as an agent to an individual who lacks
21 capacity.
22 **Section 34** of this bill authorizes an individual to create an advance health-care
23 directive that only addresses the mental health care of the individual and may waive
24 certain rights. **Section 35** of this bill sets forth the procedure to follow when an



25 advance health-care directive that addresses only the mental health care of the
26 individual conflicts with any other type of advance health-care directive.

27 **Section 36** of this bill establishes a form to create an advance health-care
28 directive.

29 **Section 37** of this bill sets forth a class of persons who, in order of priority,
30 may act as a default surrogate for an individual if the individual lacks capacity to
31 make health care decisions and an agent or guardian has not been appointed or the
32 agent or guardian of the individual is not reasonably available. **Section 38** of this
33 bill sets forth the procedure a responsible health care provider is required to follow
34 if two or more members of such class assume authority to act as a default surrogate
35 and both default surrogates disagree on a health care decision.

36 **Section 39** of this bill authorizes an individual to disqualify certain persons
37 from acting as a default surrogate.

38 **Section 40** of this bill authorizes an individual, under certain circumstances, to
39 revoke: (1) an appointment of an agent; (2) the designation of a default surrogate;
40 or (3) a health care instruction. **Section 40** also provides that: (1) a subsequent
41 advance health-care directive revokes a prior advance health-care directive to the
42 extent the two conflict; and (2) the appointment of a spouse or domestic partner is
43 revoked under certain circumstances.

44 **Section 41** of this bill provides that: (1) a health-care directive created outside
45 of this State is valid in this State under certain circumstances; (2) a person may rely
46 on an advance health-care directive under certain circumstances; and (3) the
47 directive may not be denied solely because the directive or the signature is in
48 electronic form.

49 **Section 42** of this bill provides that an agent or default surrogate has a fiduciary
50 duty to an individual who lacks capacity and is required to make a health care
51 decision in accordance with the direction of the individual in an advance health-
52 care directive.

53 **Sections 43 and 44** of this bill set forth the powers and limitations of an agent
54 or a default surrogate under an advance health-care directive or court order.

55 **Section 45** of this bill provides that under certain circumstances, two or more
56 individuals are authorized to act as co-agents or alternate agents of an individual
57 under an advance health-care directive.

58 **Section 46** of this bill sets forth the duties of a health care provider, a
59 responsible health care provider and a health care institution.

60 **Section 47** of this bill provides that: (1) a guardian may not refuse to comply
61 with or revoke the advance health-care directive of the individual; and (2) a health
62 care decision made by certain agents prevails over the decision of the guardianship
63 appointed for the individual.

64 **Section 48** of this bill provides that under certain circumstances, a health care
65 provider, health care institution, an agent or default surrogate acting in good faith is
66 not subject to civil or criminal liability or certain discipline.

67 **Section 49** of this bill prohibits a person from taking certain actions concerning
68 an advance health-care directive. **Section 49** additionally provides that an
69 individual or the estate of the individual has a cause of action against a person that
70 violates such prohibitions.

71 **Section 50** of this bill provides that an electronic copy of an advance health-
72 care directive, a revocation of an advance health-care directive or a designation or
73 disqualification of a surrogate has the same effect as the original.

74 **Section 51** of this bill provides that the Uniform Health Care Decisions Act
75 does not authorize mercy killing, assisted suicide or euthanasia.

76 **Section 52** of this bill provides that a court acting under this Uniform Act may
77 only grant equitable relief.



78 **Section 53** of this bill provides that in applying and construing the Uniform
79 Act, a court is required to consider the promotion of uniformity of the law among
80 jurisdictions that enact the Uniform Act.

81 **Section 54** of this bill establishes a form to create a power of attorney for health
82 care. **Sections 55 and 56** of this bill, respectively, establish a form to create a
83 power of attorney for health care decisions for an adult with an intellectual
84 disability or with any form of dementia.

85 **Sections 1 and 57-76** of this bill make conforming changes to reflect the
86 changes made in this bill and to remove and replace references to the repealed
87 sections.

88 **Sections 5-27** of this bill define certain words and terms for the purposes of
89 **sections 3-56.**

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEVADA, REPRESENTED IN
SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

1 **Section 1.** NRS 159.0753 is hereby amended to read as
2 follows:

3 159.0753 1. Any person who wishes to request to nominate
4 another person to be appointed as his or her guardian may do so:

5 (a) If nominating a guardian of the estate, pursuant to
6 NRS 162A.250;

7 (b) If nominating a guardian of the person, pursuant to ~~NRS~~
8 ~~162A.800;~~ *section 32 of this act;* or

9 (c) By completing a form requesting to nominate a guardian in
10 accordance with this section.

11 2. A form requesting to nominate a guardian pursuant to this
12 section must be:

13 (a) Signed by the person requesting to nominate a guardian;

14 (b) Signed by two impartial adult witnesses who have no
15 interest, financial or otherwise, in the estate of the person requesting
16 to nominate a guardian and who attest that the person has the mental
17 capacity to understand and execute the form; and

18 (c) Notarized.

19 3. A request to nominate a guardian pursuant to this section
20 may be in substantially the following form, and must be witnessed
21 and executed in the same manner as the following form:

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23 REQUEST TO NOMINATE GUARDIAN

24
25 I, (insert your name), residing at
26 (insert your address), am executing this notarized document
27 as my written declaration and request for the person(s)
28 designated below to be appointed as my guardian should it
29 become necessary. I am advising the court and all persons
30 and entities as follows:



1 1. As of the date I am executing this request to nominate
2 a guardian, I have the mental capacity to understand and
3 execute this request.

4 2. This request pertains to a (circle one): (guardian of the
5 person)/(guardian of the estate)/(guardian of the person and
6 estate).

7 3. Should the need arise, I request that the court give my
8 preference to the person(s) designated below to serve as my
9 appointed guardian.

10 4. I request that my (insert relation),
11 (insert name), serve as my appointed guardian.

12 5. If (insert name) is unable or unwilling to
13 serve as my appointed guardian, then I request that my
14 (insert relation), (insert name),
15 serve as my appointed guardian.

16 6. I do not, under any circumstances, desire to have any
17 private, for-profit guardian serve as my appointed guardian.

18 (YOU MUST DATE AND SIGN THIS DOCUMENT)

19 I sign my name to this document on (date)

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22 (Signature)

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24 (YOU MUST HAVE TWO QUALIFIED ADULT
25 WITNESSES
26 DATE AND SIGN THIS DOCUMENT)

27 I declare under penalty of perjury that the principal is
28 personally known to me, that the principal signed this request
29 to nominate a guardian in my presence, that the principal
30 appears to be of sound mind, has the mental capacity to
31 understand and execute this document and is under no duress,
32 fraud or undue influence, and that I have no interest, financial
33 or otherwise, in the estate of the principal.

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36 (Signature of first witness)

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39 (Print name)

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42 (Date)

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(Signature of second witness)



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2 (Print name)

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4 (Date)

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6 CERTIFICATE OF ACKNOWLEDGMENT
7 OF NOTARY PUBLIC

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9 State of Nevada }
10 }
11 County of }

12 On this day of, in the year, before
13 me, (insert name of notary public), personally
14 appeared (insert name of principal),
15 (insert name of first witness) and (insert name of
16 second witness), personally known to me (or proved to me on
17 the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the persons whose
18 names are subscribed to this instrument, and acknowledged
19 that they have signed this instrument.

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22 (Signature of notarial officer)
23 (Seal, if any)

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25 4. The Secretary of State shall make the form established in
26 subsection 3 available on the Internet website of the Secretary of
27 State.

28 5. The Secretary of State may adopt any regulations necessary
29 to carry out the provisions of this section.

30 **Sec. 2.** Chapter 162A of NRS is hereby amended by adding
31 thereto the provisions set forth as sections 3 to 56, inclusive, of this
32 act.

33 **Sec. 3.** *Sections 3 to 56, inclusive, of this act may be cited as*
34 *the Uniform Health Care Decisions Act.*

35 **Sec. 4.** *As used in sections 3 to 56, inclusive, of this act,*
36 *unless the context otherwise requires, the words and terms defined*
37 *in sections 5 to 27, inclusive, of this act have the meanings*
38 *ascribed to them in those sections.*

39 **Sec. 5.** *“Advance health-care directive” means a power of*
40 *attorney for health care or a health care instruction.*

41 **Sec. 6.** *“Agent” means an individual appointed in a power of*
42 *attorney for health care.*

43 **Sec. 7.** *“Cohabitant” means each of two individuals not*
44 *married to each other who have lived together as a couple for at*
45 *least 1 year after reaching the age of majority or emancipation.*



1 **Sec. 8.** *“Default surrogate” means an individual authorized*
2 *under section 36 of this act to make a health care decision for*
3 *another individual.*

4 **Sec. 9.** *“Guardian” means a person appointed under other*
5 *law by a court to make decisions regarding the personal affairs of*
6 *an individual, including, without limitation, health care decisions.*
7 *The term does not include a guardian ad litem.*

8 **Sec. 10.** *“Has capacity” means not determined or found*
9 *under section 29 or 31 of this act to lack capacity. “Had capacity”*
10 *and “have capacity” have corresponding meanings.*

11 **Sec. 11.** *“Health care” means care, treatment, service or*
12 *procedure to maintain, monitor, diagnose or otherwise affect the*
13 *physical or mental illness, injury or condition of an individual.*

14 **Sec. 12.** *“Health care decision” means a decision made by*
15 *an individual, or the surrogate of the individual, regarding the*
16 *individual’s health care, including, without limitation, the:*

17 1. *Selection or discharge of a health care provider or health*
18 *care institution;*

19 2. *Approval or disapproval of a diagnostic test, surgical*
20 *procedure, medication, therapeutic intervention or other type of*
21 *health care; and*

22 3. *Direction to provide, withhold or withdraw artificial*
23 *nutrition or hydration, mechanical ventilation or other health*
24 *care.*

25 **Sec. 13.** *“Health care institution” means a facility or agency*
26 *licensed, certified or otherwise authorized or permitted by other*
27 *law to provide health care in this State in the ordinary course of*
28 *business.*

29 **Sec. 14.** *“Health care instruction” means a direction,*
30 *whether or not in a record, made by an individual that indicates*
31 *the goals, preferences or wishes of the individual concerning the*
32 *provision, withholding or withdrawal of health care. The term*
33 *includes a direction intended to be effective if specified conditions*
34 *arise.*

35 **Sec. 15.** *“Health care provider” means a physician or other*
36 *individual licensed, certified or otherwise authorized or permitted*
37 *by other law of this State to provide health care in this State in the*
38 *ordinary course of business or practice of the profession of the*
39 *physician or individual.*

40 **Sec. 16.** *“Individual” means an adult or emancipated minor.*

41 **Sec. 17.** *“Lack capacity” means that an individual is unable*
42 *to understand and appreciate the nature and consequences of a*
43 *decision or is unable or unwilling to make or communicate a*
44 *decision, even with appropriate services, technological assistance,*
45 *supported decision making or other reasonable accommodations.*



1 **Sec. 18.** *“Mental health care” means care, treatment, service*
2 *or procedure to maintain, monitor, diagnose or improve the*
3 *mental illness or other emotional, psychological or psychosocial*
4 *condition of an individual.*

5 **Sec. 19.** *“Nursing home” means a “nursing facility” as*
6 *defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1396r(a), as amended, or “skilled nursing*
7 *facility” as defined in 42 U.S.C. § 1395i-3(a), as amended.*

8 **Sec. 20.** *“Person” means an individual, estate, business or*
9 *nonprofit entity, government or governmental subdivision, agency*
10 *or instrumentality or other legal entity.*

11 **Sec. 21.** *“Person interested in the welfare of the individual”*
12 *means:*

13 1. *The spouse, child, parent or grandparent of the individual*
14 *or a descendant of the spouse, child, parent or grandparent of the*
15 *individual;*

16 2. *The domestic partner, cohabitant or friend of the*
17 *individual;*

18 3. *A public entity providing health care, case management or*
19 *protective services to the individual;*

20 4. *The surrogate of the individual;*

21 5. *A person appointed under other law to make decisions for*
22 *the individual under a power of attorney for finances; or*

23 6. *A person that has an ongoing personal or professional*
24 *relationship with the individual, including, without limitation, a*
25 *person that has provided educational or health care services or*
26 *supported decision making to the individual.*

27 **Sec. 22.** *“Physician” means an individual authorized to*
28 *practice medicine under chapter 630 of NRS or osteopathy under*
29 *chapter 633 NRS.*

30 **Sec. 23.** *“Power of attorney for health care” means a record*
31 *granting an agent the authority to make health care decisions for*
32 *the individual granting the power.*

33 **Sec. 24.** *“Reasonably available” means able to be contacted*
34 *without undue effort and willing and able to act in a timely*
35 *manner considering the urgency of an individual’s health care*
36 *situation. When used to refer to an agent or default surrogate, the*
37 *term includes being willing and able to comply with the duties*
38 *under section 43 of this act in a timely manner considering the*
39 *urgency of an individual’s health care situation.*

40 **Sec. 25.** *“Responsible health care provider” means:*

41 1. *A health care provider designated by an individual, or the*
42 *surrogate of an individual, to have primary responsibility for the*
43 *individual’s health care or for overseeing a particular course of*
44 *treatment; or*



1 2. *In the absence of a designation under subsection 1, or if*
2 *the provider designated under subsection 1 is not reasonably*
3 *available, a health care provider who has primary responsibility*
4 *for the health care of the individual or for overseeing a particular*
5 *course of treatment.*

6 **Sec. 26.** *“Supported decision making” means assistance*
7 *from one or more persons of an individual’s choosing that helps*
8 *the individual make or communicate a decision, including,*
9 *without limitation, by helping the individual understand the*
10 *nature and consequences of the decision.*

11 **Sec. 27.** *“Surrogate” means:*

12 1. *An agent;*

13 2. *A default surrogate; or*

14 3. *A guardian authorized to make health care decisions.*

15 **Sec. 28.** 1. *An individual is presumed to have capacity to*
16 *make a health care decision unless a health care provider under*
17 *section 29 or 30 of this act, or a court under section 31 of this act,*
18 *finds or determines the individual does not understand and*
19 *appreciate the nature and consequences of the decision, including,*
20 *without limitation, the primary risks and benefits of the decision.*

21 2. *An individual is presumed to have capacity to make or*
22 *revoke a health care instruction unless a health care provider*
23 *under section 29 or 30 of this act, or a court under section 31 of*
24 *this act, finds or determines the individual does not understand*
25 *and appreciate the nature and consequences of a health care*
26 *decision in the instruction, including, without limitation, the*
27 *primary risks and benefits of the choices expressed in the*
28 *instruction.*

29 3. *An individual is presumed to have capacity to make or*
30 *revoke a power of attorney for health care unless a health care*
31 *provider under section 29 or 30 of this act, or a court under*
32 *section 31 of this act, finds or determines the individual does not*
33 *understand:*

34 (a) *And appreciate the nature and consequences of appointing*
35 *an agent under the power of attorney;*

36 (b) *The identity of the individual being appointed as an agent;*
37 *or*

38 (c) *The general nature of the individual’s relationship with the*
39 *individual being appointed as an agent.*

40 4. *Creating, revoking or not creating an advance health-care*
41 *directive does not affect the right of an individual who has the*
42 *capacity to make a health care decision.*

43 **Sec. 29.** 1. *A presumption under section 28 of this act that*
44 *an individual has capacity may be rebutted by:*



1 (a) A determination by a court under section 31 of this act or
2 chapter 159 of NRS; or

3 (b) A finding made in accordance with accepted standards of
4 medical judgment and to a reasonable degree of medical certainty
5 that the individual lacks capacity by any of the following who has
6 contemporaneously examined the individual and is not the spouse,
7 child, parent, grandparent, domestic partner or cohabitant of the
8 individual, or of the surrogate of the individual, or a descendant of
9 the spouse, child, parent, grandparent, domestic partner or
10 cohabitant of the individual or of the surrogate:

11 (1) A physician;

12 (2) A psychologist licensed or otherwise authorized to
13 practice in this State; or

14 (3) A responsible health care provider if:

15 (I) The individual about whom the finding is to be made
16 is experiencing a health condition requiring that a decision
17 regarding health care treatment be made promptly to avoid loss of
18 life or serious harm to the health of the individual; and

19 (II) An individual listed in subparagraph (1) or (2) is not
20 reasonably available.

21 2. A finding under paragraph (b) of subsection 1 must be
22 promptly documented in a record that:

23 (a) Is signed by the individual making the finding; and

24 (b) States the opinion of the individual making the finding of
25 the cause, nature, extent and probable duration of the lack of
26 capacity.

27 3. A determination or finding under this section may apply to
28 a specified health care decision, to a specified set of health care
29 decisions or to all health care decisions.

30 **Sec. 30.** 1. An individual found under paragraph (b) of
31 subsection 1 of section 29 of this act to lack capacity may object to
32 the finding in a record, orally or by another act.

33 2. If the individual objects under subsection 1, the finding is
34 not sufficient to rebut the presumption of capacity in section 28 of
35 this act, and the individual must be treated as having capacity,
36 unless:

37 (a) The individual withdraws the objection;

38 (b) The court determines under section 31 of this act that the
39 individual lacks capacity;

40 (c) The individual is experiencing a health condition requiring
41 that a decision regarding health care treatment be made promptly
42 to avoid loss of life or serious harm to the health of the individual;

43 (d) The finding is:



1 (1) *Not used to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining*
2 *treatment if the individual is objecting to the withholding or*
3 *withdrawal of the treatment; and*

4 (2) *Confirmed by an individual authorized under*
5 *paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of section 29 of this act who:*

6 (I) *Did not make the first finding;*

7 (II) *Is not the spouse, child, parent, grandparent,*
8 *domestic partner or cohabitant of the individual who made the*
9 *first finding; and*

10 (III) *Is not a descendant of the spouse, child, parent,*
11 *grandparent, domestic partner or cohabitant of the individual who*
12 *made the first finding; or*

13 (e) *The individual, in an advance health-care directive that*
14 *addresses only mental health care created under section 34 of this*
15 *act, directs the first finding to be sufficient to rebut the*
16 *presumption of capacity.*

17 3. *A health care provider who is informed of an objection*
18 *under subsection 1 shall promptly:*

19 (a) *Communicate the challenge to a responsible health care*
20 *provider; and*

21 (b) *Document the objection in the medical record of the*
22 *individual or communicate the objection to an administrator with*
23 *responsibility for the medical records of the health care institution*
24 *providing health care to the individual.*

25 **Sec. 31.** 1. *An individual found under paragraph (b) of*
26 *subsection 1 of section 29 of this act to lack capacity, a responsible*
27 *health care provider, the health care institution providing health*
28 *care to the individual or a person interested in the welfare of the*
29 *individual may petition a district court in the county in which the*
30 *individual resides or is located to determine whether the individual*
31 *lacks capacity.*

32 2. *The court in which a petition under subsection 1 is filed*
33 *shall appoint legal counsel to represent the individual if the*
34 *individual does not have legal counsel in the proceeding. The*
35 *court shall hear the petition as soon as possible but not later than*
36 *7 days after the petition is filed. As soon as possible, but not later*
37 *than 7 days after the hearing, the court shall determine whether*
38 *the individual lacks capacity. The individual shall be determined*
39 *to lack capacity only if the court finds by clear and convincing*
40 *evidence that the individual lacks capacity.*

41 **Sec. 32.** 1. *The preferences in the health care instruction of*
42 *an individual may include:*

43 (a) *Health care providers or health care institutions;*

44 (b) *How a health care decision will be made and*
45 *communicated;*



1 (c) *Persons that should or should not be consulted regarding a*
2 *health care decision;*

3 (d) *A person to serve as guardian for the individual if one is*
4 *appointed; and*

5 (e) *An individual to serve as a default surrogate.*

6 2. *A health care provider to whom an individual*
7 *communicates an instruction under subsection 1 shall document*
8 *the instruction and the date of the instruction in the medical*
9 *record of the individual.*

10 3. *A health care instruction that conflicts with an earlier*
11 *health care instruction, including an instruction documented in a*
12 *medical order, revokes the earlier instruction to the extent of the*
13 *conflict.*

14 4. *A health care instruction may be in the same record as a*
15 *power of attorney for health care.*

16 **Sec. 33.** 1. *An individual may create a power of attorney*
17 *for health care to authorize one or more agents to make a health*
18 *care decision for the individual if the individual is found or*
19 *determined under section 29 or 31 of this act to lack capacity.*

20 2. *An individual is disqualified from acting as agent for an*
21 *individual found or determined under section 29 or 31 of this act*
22 *to lack capacity if the court finds that the first individual poses a*
23 *danger to the individual found or determined to lack capacity,*
24 *even if the court does not issue a protective order against the first*
25 *individual. Advocating for the withholding or withdrawal of health*
26 *care from the individual is not itself an indication of posing a*
27 *danger to the individual.*

28 3. *An owner, operator or employee of a nursing home at*
29 *which an individual is receiving care is disqualified from acting as*
30 *agent unless the owner, operator or employee is the spouse, child,*
31 *parent, grandparent, domestic partner or cohabitant of the*
32 *individual, or a descendent of the spouse, child, parent,*
33 *grandparent or domestic partner of the individual.*

34 4. *A health care decision made by an agent is effective*
35 *without judicial approval.*

36 5. *A power of attorney for health care must be in a record,*
37 *signed by the individual granting the power and witnessed by an*
38 *adult who:*

39 (a) *Reasonably believes that the act of the individual to create*
40 *the power of attorney is voluntary and knowing and made without*
41 *coercion or undue influence;*

42 (b) *Must not be:*

43 (1) *The agent appointed by the individual;*

44 (2) *The spouse, domestic partner or cohabitant of the*
45 *agent; or*



1 (3) *If the individual resides in a nursing home, the owner,*
2 *operator or employee of the residential long-term health care*
3 *institution; and*

4 (c) *Is present when the individual signs the power of attorney*
5 *or when the individual represents that the power of attorney*
6 *reflects the wishes of the individual.*

7 6. *A witness under subsection 5 is considered present if the*
8 *witness and the individual are:*

9 (a) *Physically present in the same location;*

10 (b) *Using an electronic means that allows for real time audio*
11 *and visual transmission and able to communicate in real time to*
12 *the same extent as if they were physically present in the same*
13 *location; or*

14 (c) *Able to speak to and hear each other in real time through*
15 *audio connection if:*

16 (1) *The identity of the individual is personally known to the*
17 *witness; or*

18 (2) *The witness is able to authenticate the identity of the*
19 *individual by receiving accurate answers from the individual that*
20 *enable the authentication.*

21 7. *A power of attorney for health care may include a health*
22 *care instruction.*

23 **Sec. 34. 1.** *An individual may create an advance health-*
24 *care directive that addresses only mental health care for the*
25 *individual.*

26 2. *A health care instruction that addresses only mental health*
27 *care for an individual may*
28 *include:*

29 (a) *A statement of the general philosophy and objectives of the*
30 *individual regarding mental health care; and*

31 (b) *The specific goals, preferences and wishes of the individual*
32 *regarding the provision, withholding or withdrawal of a form of*
33 *mental health care, including:*

34 (1) *Preferences regarding professionals, programs and*
35 *facilities;*

36 (2) *Admission to a mental health facility, including, without*
37 *limitation, the length of admission;*

38 (3) *Preferences regarding medications;*

39 (4) *A refusal to accept a specific type of mental health care,*
40 *including, without limitation, a medication; and*

41 (5) *Preferences regarding means of crisis intervention.*

42 3. *A health care instruction under this section may be in the*
43 *same record as a power of attorney for health care.*

44 4. *An individual may direct, in an advance health-care*
45 *directive that addresses only mental health care, that a single*



1 *finding that the individual lacks capacity is sufficient under*
2 *paragraph (e) of subsection 2 of section 30 of this act to rebut the*
3 *presumption of capacity under section 28 of this act.*

4 5. *If an advance health-care directive includes the direction*
5 *under subsection 4, the directive must be in a record, signed by the*
6 *individual creating the directive and witnessed by at least two*
7 *adults who:*

8 (a) *Attest that to the best of their knowledge the direction is*
9 *voluntary and knowing and made without coercion or undue*
10 *influence;*

11 (b) *Must not be:*

12 (1) *The agent appointed by the individual;*

13 (2) *The spouse, domestic partner or cohabitant of the*
14 *agent; and*

15 (3) *If the individual resides in a residential long-term*
16 *health care institution, not the owner, operator or employee of the*
17 *residential long-term health care institution; and*

18 (c) *Are physically present in the same location as the*
19 *individual.*

20 **Sec. 35. 1.** *If a direction in an advance health-care*
21 *directive that addresses only mental health care conflicts with a*
22 *direction in another advance health-care directive, the later*
23 *direction revokes the earlier direction to the extent of the conflict.*

24 2. *An appointment by an individual under a power of*
25 *attorney for health care of an agent to make decisions only for the*
26 *mental health care of the individual does not revoke an earlier*
27 *appointment of an agent under a power of attorney for health care*
28 *to make other health care decisions for the individual. The later*
29 *appointment revokes the authority of the agent under the earlier*
30 *appointment to make mental health care decisions unless*
31 *otherwise specified in the later appointment.*

32 3. *Appointment by an individual of an agent under a power of*
33 *attorney for health care decisions other than mental health care*
34 *decisions made after appointment of an agent authorized to make*
35 *only mental health care decisions does not revoke the appointment*
36 *of the agent authorized to make only mental health care decisions.*

37 **Sec. 36.** *The following form may be used to create an*
38 *advance health-care directive.*

39
40 **ADVANCE HEALTH-CARE DIRECTIVE**
41 **EXPLANATION OF FORM**
42

43 *You can use this form to name someone you want to make*
44 *health care decisions for you. This person will only be able*



1 *to make health care decisions for you if you cannot make*
2 *them for yourself.*

3
4 *You can also use this form to state your wishes, preferences*
5 *and goals for health care, and to say if you want to be an*
6 *organ donor when you die.*

7
8 **NAME AND BIRTHDAY**

9
10 *Write your name and date of birth below.*

11
12 *Name:.....*

13
14 *Date of birth:.....*

15
16 **PART 1: POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTH CARE**

17
18 *This part allows you to appoint someone else to make health*
19 *care decisions for you. You can leave all or some of it blank.*

20
21 **(1) APPOINTMENT OF AGENT: I want the following**
22 **person to make health care decisions for me if I cannot:**

23
24 *.....*
25 *(If you can, give the full name, address, phone number and*
26 *email address of the individual you are appointing.)*

27
28 **(2) APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE AGENT: I want**
29 **the following person to make health care decisions for me if**
30 **I cannot and my first agent is not willing, able or reasonably**
31 **available to make them for me.**

32
33 *.....*
34 *(If you can, provide the full name, address, phone number*
35 *and email address of the individual you are appointing. You*
36 *can name more than one alternate agent.)*

37
38 **(3) SPECIAL POWERS: My agent can do the following**
39 **things ONLY if I have initialed or marked them below:**

40 *consent to my participation in medical research that*
41 *is allowed by law even if it will not directly benefit*
42 *me and risks more than a little harm to me*

43 *admit me as a voluntary patient to a facility for*
44 *mental health treatment for not more than ()*
45 *days*

if I am not terminally ill, place me in a nursing
home for more than 100 days even if my needs can



be met somewhere else and I object at that time to being placed in the nursing home

(4) HEALTH INFORMATION SHARING: *My agent may obtain, examine and share information about my health needs and health care (initial or mark one):*

whenever my agent reasonably believes it is in my best interest

only if I cannot make health care decisions for myself

(5) OTHER LIMITS ON AGENT'S AUTHORITY: *I give my agent the power to make all health care decisions for me if I cannot make those decisions for myself, except as I state here:*

(If you do not add any limitations here, your agent will be able make all health care decisions that an agent is permitted to make under state law.)

PART 2: HEALTH CARE INSTRUCTION

This part allows you to indicate your priorities for health care and types of health care you do and do not want. You can leave all or some of it blank.

(1) INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT

If I have a condition that is not curable and is expected to cause me to die soon even if treated (initial or mark your choices):

I want to receive all medical treatments available to prolong my life

I do not want medical treatment if its only purpose is to prolong my life

If I cannot swallow, I do not want to be given food or liquids through a tube or other means if its only purpose is to prolong my life

I want to receive care that will help me be comfortable even if it may shorten my life

other (write what you want or do not want):



1 *If I am unconscious and am not expected to ever be*
2 *conscious again (initial or mark your choices):*

3 *I want to receive all medical treatments available to*
4 *prolong my life*

5 *I do not want medical treatment if its only purpose*
6 *is to prolong my life*

7 *If I cannot swallow, I do not want to be given food*
8 *or liquids through a tube or other means if its only*
9 *purpose is to prolong my life*

10 *I want to receive care that will help me be*
11 *comfortable even if it may shorten my life*

12 *other (write what you want or do not want):*

13
14 *If I have a medical condition that prevents me from*
15 *communicating with people I care about, care for myself*
16 *and recognizing family and friends and I am not expected to*
17 *recover (initial or mark your choices):*

18 *I want to receive all medical treatments available to*
19 *prolong my life*

20 *I do not want medical treatment if its only purpose*
21 *is to prolong my life*

22 *If I cannot swallow, I do not want to be given food*
23 *or liquids through a tube or other means if its only*
24 *purpose is to prolong my life*

25 *I want to receive care that will help me be*
26 *comfortable even if it may shorten my life*

27 *other (write what you want or do not want):*

28
29 *(2) INSTRUCTION ABOUT PRIORITIES: You can use*
30 *this section to indicate what is important to you, and what is*
31 *not important to you. This information can help others*
32 *make decisions for you if you cannot make them for*
33 *yourself.*

34
35 *Staying alive as long as possible even if I have substantial*
36 *physical limitations is (initial or mark your choice):*

37 *very important*

38 *somewhat important*

39 *not important*

40
41 *Staying alive as long as possible even if I have substantial*
42 *mental limitations is (initial or mark your choice):*

43 *very important*

44 *somewhat important*

45 *not important*



Being free from significant pain is (initial or mark your choice):

- very important*
- somewhat important*
- not important*

Being independent is (initial or mark your choice):

- very important*
- somewhat important*
- not important*

Having my family and friends involved in making decisions about my care is (initial or mark your choice):

- very important*
- somewhat important*
- not important*

You can indicate other values and goals that are important to you below. This can include things you want and things you do not want:

(3) OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

You can use this section to provide any other information about your goals, preferences, values and wishes for treatment about the health care you want or do not want. You can also use this section to name anyone who you do not want to make decisions for you under any conditions.

(4) OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR YOUR AGENT

Initial or mark your choice if you want to provide your agent with more guidance.

The instructions I stated in this document should guide the person making decisions for me, but I give that person permission to be flexible in applying these statements if they think it would be in my best interest based on what they know about me.

The instructions I stated in this document should guide the person making decisions for me and I



want them to follow them exactly as written if possible, even if they think something else is better.

() Other (You can use this section to tell your agent more about how to treat your instructions.):.....

PART 3: ORGAN DONATION

This part allows you to donate your organs when you die. If you do not want to use this form to make a donation, you can leave it blank.

Even if procedures necessary to evaluate, maintain or preserve my organs, tissues or other body parts conflict with other instructions I have put in this form or another document, upon my death (initial or mark the box that indicates what you want):

() I donate my organs, tissues and other body parts, except for those listed below (if you do not list any, all can be donated):.....

() I donate the following organs, tissues or body parts only (list the ones you want to give):

() I do not want my organs, tissues or body parts donated to anybody for any reason.

My organs, tissues and body parts may be used for (initial or mark the box or boxes that indicate what you want):

- () transplant
- () therapy
- () research
- () education
- () all of the above

PART 4: SIGNATURES

My name:

My signature:.....

Date:.....



Optional: My contact information (you can include your address, phone number, email address or other contact information):.....

(A witness is needed if you are using this form to name an agent. The witness cannot be a person you are naming as agent or that person’s spouse, domestic partner or cohabitant. If you live in a nursing home, the witness cannot be an employee, operator or owner of the home):

Witness name:.....

Witness signature (only sign as a witness if you believe the person above is voluntarily making this advance directive):

Witness address (providing the full address of the witness is recommended):

Date witness signed:

PART 5: INFORMATION FOR AGENTS

If this form appoints you as an agent, you may make decisions about health care for the person who appointed you when they cannot make their own. If making a decision for the person, you should follow any instructions the person gave, including any in this form. If you don’t know what the person would want, you should make the decision that you think is in the person’s best interest. To figure out what the individual’s best interest is, you must consider the individual’s values, preferences and goals if you know them or can learn them. You should also consider any behaviors or communications from the person that indicate what they currently want.

If this form appoints you as an agent, you can also get and share the individual’s health information. But unless the person has said so in this form, you can only get or share this information when the person cannot make their own decisions about their health care.

Sec. 37. 1. A default surrogate may make a health care decision for an individual who lacks capacity to make health care decisions and for whom an agent or guardian authorized to make



1 *health care decisions has not been appointed or is not reasonably*
2 *available.*

3 2. *Unless the individual has an advance health-care directive*
4 *that indicates otherwise, a member of the following classes, in*
5 *descending order of priority, who is reasonably available and not*
6 *disqualified under section 39 of this act, may act as a default*
7 *surrogate for the individual:*

8 (a) *An adult who the individual has designated in an advance*
9 *health-care directive or in another manner;*

10 (b) *The spouse or domestic partner of the individual, unless a*
11 *petition for annulment, divorce, dissolution of marriage, legal*
12 *separation or termination has been filed and not dismissed or*
13 *withdrawn, or the spouse or domestic partner has abandoned the*
14 *individual for more than 1 year;*

15 (c) *The adult child or parent of the individual;*

16 (d) *The cohabitant of the individual;*

17 (e) *The adult sibling of the individual;*

18 (f) *The adult grandchild or grandparent of the individual;*

19 (g) *An adult not listed in paragraphs (a) to (f), inclusive, who*
20 *has assisted the individual with supported decision making*
21 *routinely during the preceding 6 months;*

22 (h) *The adult stepchild of the individual not listed in*
23 *paragraphs (a) to (g), inclusive, who the individual actively*
24 *parented during the minor years of the stepchild and with whom*
25 *the individual has an ongoing relationship; or*

26 (i) *An adult not listed in paragraphs (a) to (h), inclusive, who*
27 *has exhibited special care and concern for the individual and is*
28 *familiar with the personal values of the individual.*

29 3. *A member of a class who assumes authority to act as*
30 *default surrogate shall communicate the assumption of authority*
31 *as promptly as practicable to other members who can be readily*
32 *contacted in the same class and in classes with higher priority*
33 *listed in subsection 2 and to a responsible health care provider.*

34 4. *A responsible health care provider may require an*
35 *individual who assumes authority to act as a default surrogate to*
36 *provide a declaration in a record under penalty of perjury stating*
37 *facts and circumstances reasonably sufficient to establish the*
38 *authority.*

39 5. *If a responsible health care provider reasonably*
40 *determines that an individual who has assumed authority to act as*
41 *a default surrogate is not willing or able to comply with a duty*
42 *under section 42 of this act or fails to do so in a timely manner,*
43 *the provider may recognize the individuals next in priority under*
44 *subsection 2 as the default surrogates.*



1 6. A health care decision made by a default surrogate is
2 effective without judicial approval.

3 **Sec. 38.** 1. A default surrogate who has assumed authority
4 under subsection 3 of section 37 of this act shall inform a
5 responsible health care provider if two or more members of the
6 class have assumed authority to act as default surrogates and the
7 members do not agree on a health care decision.

8 2. A responsible health care provider shall comply with the
9 decision of a majority of the members of the class with higher
10 priority who have communicated their views to the provider.

11 3. If a responsible health care provider is informed that the
12 members of the class are evenly divided concerning the health
13 care decision, the provider shall make a reasonable effort to solicit
14 the views of other members of the class who are reasonably
15 available but have not yet communicated their views to the
16 provider. The provider, after the solicitation, shall comply with the
17 decision of a majority of the members who have communicated
18 their views to the provider.

19 4. If the class remains evenly divided after additional class
20 members have provided their views under subsection 3, a
21 responsible health care provider shall make a reasonable effort to
22 solicit the views of members of the next class in priority, if any,
23 who are reasonably available and, after the solicitation, comply
24 with the decision of a majority of the members in the two classes
25 who have communicated their views to the provider.

26 5. If a responsible health care provider is informed that the
27 views of the members of the two classes providing their views
28 under subsection 4 remain evenly divided, the health care decision
29 shall be made as provided in other law of this State regarding the
30 treatment of an individual who has been found or determined
31 under section 29 or 31 of this act to lack capacity.

32 **Sec. 39.** 1. At any time, an individual for whom health care
33 decisions would be made may disqualify another individual from
34 acting as default surrogate for the first individual. The
35 disqualification may be in a record signed by the first individual or
36 communicated verbally or nonverbally to the individual being
37 disqualified, another individual or a responsible health care
38 provider. Disqualification under this subsection is effective even if
39 made by an individual who has been found or determined under
40 section 29 or 31 of this act to lack capacity to make health care
41 decisions.

42 2. An individual is disqualified from acting as a default
43 surrogate for an individual found or determined under section 29
44 or 31 of this act to lack capacity to make health care decisions if
45 the court finds that the potential default surrogate poses a danger



1 *to the individual for whom health care decisions would be made,*
2 *even if the court does not impose a protective order against the*
3 *individual being disqualified. Advocating for the withholding or*
4 *withdrawal of health care from an individual does not itself*
5 *indicate that the potential default surrogate poses a danger to the*
6 *individual.*

7 3. *An owner, operator or employee of a residential long-term*
8 *health care institution at which an individual is receiving care is*
9 *disqualified from acting as a default surrogate for the individual*
10 *unless the owner, operator or employee is the spouse, child,*
11 *parent, grandparent, domestic partner or cohabitant of the*
12 *individual or a descendant of the spouse, child, parent,*
13 *grandparent or domestic partner of the individual.*

14 4. *An individual who refuses to provide a timely declaration*
15 *under subsection 4 of section 37 of this act is disqualified from*
16 *acting as default surrogate.*

17 **Sec. 40.** 1. *Unless found or determined to lack capacity to*
18 *do so under section 29 or 31 of this act, an individual may revoke*
19 *the designation of an agent under a power of attorney for health*
20 *care, the designation of a default surrogate or a health care*
21 *instruction in whole or in part. The revocation must be by any act*
22 *clearly indicating that the individual intends to revoke the*
23 *designation or instruction, including an oral statement to a health*
24 *care provider.*

25 2. *An advance health-care directive that conflicts with an*
26 *earlier advance health-care directive revokes the earlier directive*
27 *to the extent of the conflict.*

28 3. *Unless otherwise provided in the advance health-care*
29 *directive of an individual, the appointment of a spouse or domestic*
30 *partner of an individual as agent for the individual is revoked by:*

31 (a) *A filing for annulment, divorce, dissolution of marriage,*
32 *legal separation or termination that has not been dismissed or*
33 *withdrawn;*

34 (b) *A decree of annulment, divorce, dissolution of marriage,*
35 *legal separation or termination; or*

36 (c) *Abandonment of the individual for more than 1 year by the*
37 *spouse or domestic partner of the individual.*

38 **Sec. 41.** 1. *An advance health-care directive created*
39 *outside this State is valid if the advance health-care directive*
40 *complies with:*

41 (a) *The law of the state specified in the directive or, if no state*
42 *is specified, the state in which the individual created the directive;*
43 *or*

44 (b) *The provisions of sections 3 to 56, inclusive, of this act.*



1 2. A person may assume without inquiry that an advance
2 health-care directive is genuine, valid and still in effect and may
3 implement or rely on it if the person does not have good cause to
4 believe that the directive is invalid or has been revoked.

5 3. An advance health-care directive or a revocation of a
6 directive may not be denied legal effect or enforceability solely
7 because the directive is in electronic form. If this act requires a
8 signature on a directive or revocation, an electronic signature
9 satisfies the requirement.

10 4. Evidence relating to an advance health-care directive,
11 revocation of a directive or a signature on a directive or revocation
12 may not be excluded in a proceeding solely because it is in
13 electronic form.

14 5. If the provisions of this act conflict with other law of this
15 State relating to the creation, execution, implementation or
16 revocation of an advance health-care directive, this act prevails.

17 **Sec. 42.** 1. An agent or default surrogate has a fiduciary
18 duty to the individual for whom the agent or default surrogate is
19 acting when exercising or purporting to exercise a power under
20 section 43 of this act.

21 2. An agent or default surrogate shall make a health care
22 decision in accordance with the direction of the individual in an
23 advance health-care directive and other goals, preferences and
24 wishes of the individual to the extent known to or reasonably
25 ascertainable by the agent or default surrogate. If there is no
26 direction and the goals, preferences and wishes of the individual
27 regarding a health care decision are not known or reasonably
28 ascertainable by the agent or default surrogate, the agent or
29 default surrogate shall make the decision in accordance with the
30 agent's or default surrogate's determination of the individual's
31 best interest.

32 3. In determining the best interest of the individual, an agent
33 or default surrogate shall give primary consideration to the
34 contemporaneous communications of the individual, including,
35 without limitation, verbal and nonverbal expressions.

36 4. An agent or default surrogate who is informed of a
37 revocation of an advance health-care directive or disqualification
38 of an agent or default surrogate shall promptly communicate the
39 revocation or disqualification to a responsible health care
40 provider.

41 **Sec. 43.** 1. Except as otherwise provided in subsection 4,
42 the power of an agent or default surrogate commences when the
43 individual is found under paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of section
44 29 of this act, or is determined by a court pursuant to section 31 of
45 this act, to lack capacity to make a health care decision. The power



1 *ceases if the individual later is found or determined to have*
2 *capacity to make a health care decision, or the individual makes*
3 *an objection under section 30 of this act to the finding of lack of*
4 *capacity under paragraph (b) of subsection 1 of section 29 of this*
5 *act. If the power ceases because an objection is made under*
6 *section 30 of this act, the power resumes if a court later*
7 *determines that the person lacks capacity to make a health care*
8 *decision.*

9 *2. Subject to subsection 6 and section 44 of this act, an agent*
10 *or default surrogate may make a health care decision for the*
11 *individual.*

12 *3. An agent or default surrogate may request, receive,*
13 *examine and copy and consent to the disclosure of medical and*
14 *other health care information about the individual if the*
15 *individual would have the right to request, receive, examine, copy*
16 *or disclose the information.*

17 *4. The power of attorney for health care may provide that the*
18 *power of an agent under subsection 3 commences upon*
19 *appointment.*

20 *5. If no other person is authorized, an agent or default*
21 *surrogate has the power to apply for public or private health*
22 *insurance and benefits on behalf of the individual. An agent or*
23 *default surrogate who has the power to apply for insurance and*
24 *benefits does not, solely by reason of the power, have a duty to*
25 *apply for the insurance or benefits.*

26 *6. An agent or default surrogate has the following powers*
27 *only if specifically authorized by the individual in an advance*
28 *health-care directive:*

29 *(a) Consent to have the individual participate in medical*
30 *research that does not provide direct benefit to the individual and*
31 *creates a risk of more than minimal harm to the individual, but is*
32 *otherwise authorized by law;*

33 *(b) Consent to voluntary admission of the individual to a*
34 *facility for mental health treatment for not longer than the*
35 *number of days specified in the directive or, if no number is*
36 *specified, for not more than 14 days; or*

37 *(c) Consent to placement of the individual, if not terminally ill,*
38 *in a nursing home if the placement is intended to be for more than*
39 *100 days and an alternative living arrangement is reasonably*
40 *feasible.*

41 **Sec. 44. 1. If an individual has a long-term disability**
42 **requiring routine treatment by artificial nutrition, hydration or**
43 **mechanical ventilation and the individual has a history of using**
44 **the treatment without objection, an agent or default surrogate may**
45 **not consent to withdrawal of the treatment unless:**



1 (a) *The treatment is not necessary to sustain the life of the*
2 *individual;*

3 (b) *The individual has expressly authorized the withdrawal in*
4 *a health care instruction that has not been revoked; or*

5 (c) *The individual has experienced a major reduction in health*
6 *or functional ability from which the individual is not expected to*
7 *recover, even with other appropriate treatment, and the individual*
8 *has not:*

9 (1) *Given a direction inconsistent with withdrawal; or*

10 (2) *Communicated, by verbal or nonverbal expression, a*
11 *desire for artificial nutrition, hydration or mechanical ventilation.*

12 2. *A default surrogate may not make a health care decision if,*
13 *under other law of this State, the decision:*

14 (a) *May not be made by a guardian; or*

15 (b) *May be made by a guardian only if the court appointing the*
16 *guardian specifically authorizes the guardian to make the*
17 *decision.*

18 **Sec. 45.** 1. *A power of attorney for health care may*
19 *designate two or more individuals to act as co-agents. Unless the*
20 *power of attorney provides otherwise, each co-agent may exercise*
21 *independent authority.*

22 2. *A power of attorney for health care may designate one or*
23 *more alternate agents to act if an agent resigns, dies, becomes*
24 *disqualified, is not reasonably available or is otherwise unwilling*
25 *or unable to serve as agent. Unless the power of attorney provides*
26 *otherwise, an alternate agent:*

27 (a) *Has the same authority as the original agent; and*

28 (b) *May act only if all predecessor agents have resigned, died,*
29 *become disqualified, are not reasonably available or are otherwise*
30 *unwilling or unable to act as an agent.*

31 **Sec. 46.** 1. *If possible before implementing a health care*
32 *decision by a surrogate for an individual, a responsible health*
33 *care provider shall promptly communicate to the individual the*
34 *decision made and the identity of the person making the decision.*

35 2. *A responsible health care provider who makes or is*
36 *informed of a determination or finding that an individual lacks*
37 *capacity to make a health care decision or no longer lacks*
38 *capacity, or that other circumstances exist that affect a health care*
39 *instruction or the authority of a surrogate, shall promptly:*

40 (a) *Document the determination, finding or circumstance in*
41 *the medical record of the individual; and*

42 (b) *If possible, communicate to the individual and the*
43 *surrogate of the individual:*

44 (1) *The determination, finding or circumstance; and*



1 (ii) That the individual may object to the determination or
2 finding.

3 3. A responsible health care provider who is informed that an
4 individual has created or revoked an advance health-care directive
5 or that a surrogate for an individual has been designated or
6 disqualified, shall:

7 (a) Document the information promptly in the medical record
8 of the individual; and

9 (b) If evidence of the directive, revocation, designation or
10 disqualification is in a record, request a copy and, on receipt,
11 cause the copy to be included in the medical record of the
12 individual.

13 4. Except as provided in subsections 5 and 6, a health care
14 provider or health care institution providing health care to an
15 individual shall comply with:

16 (a) A health care instruction given by the individual regarding
17 the health care of the individual;

18 (b) A reasonable interpretation by the surrogate of the
19 individual of an instruction given by the individual; and

20 (c) A health care decision for the individual made by the
21 surrogate of the individual to the same extent as if the decision
22 had been made by the individual at a time when the individual had
23 capacity.

24 5. A health care provider or a health care institution may
25 refuse to provide care consistent with a health care instruction or
26 health care decision if:

27 (a) The instruction or decision is contrary to a policy of the
28 health care institution providing health care to the individual that
29 is expressly based on reasons of conscience and the policy was
30 timely communicated to the individual who gave the instruction or
31 about whom the decision was to be made or to the surrogate of the
32 individual;

33 (b) The care would require the use of a form of care or
34 treatment that is not available to the provider or institution; or

35 (c) Compliance would:

36 (1) Require the provider or institution to provide care that
37 is contrary to generally accepted health care standards applicable
38 to the provider or institution; or

39 (2) Violate a court order or other law.

40 6. A health care provider or health care institution that
41 refuses care under paragraph (a) or (b) of subsection 5 shall:

42 (a) If possible, promptly inform the individual and the
43 surrogate of the individual of the refusal;

44 (b) Immediately make a reasonable effort to transfer the
45 individual to another health care provider or health care



1 *institution that is willing to comply with the instruction or*
2 *decision;*

3 *(c) If the refusal is made under paragraph (a) of subsection 5,*
4 *provide medically appropriate care to the individual until a*
5 *transfer under paragraph (b) is made; and*

6 *(d) If the refusal is made under paragraph (b) of subsection 5,*
7 *provide continuing care to the individual until a transfer under*
8 *paragraph (b) is made or it reasonably appears transfer cannot be*
9 *made not later than 10 days after the refusal.*

10 **Sec. 47. 1.** *A guardian shall comply with the direction of*
11 *the individual subject to guardianship and may not refuse to*
12 *comply with or revoke the advance health-care directive of the*
13 *individual, unless the court appointing the guardian expressly*
14 *orders the noncompliance or revocation.*

15 *2. Unless a court orders otherwise, a health care decision*
16 *made by an agent appointed by an individual subject to*
17 *guardianship prevails over the decision of the guardian appointed*
18 *for the individual.*

19 **Sec. 48. 1.** *A health care provider or health care institution*
20 *acting in good faith is not subject to civil or criminal liability or to*
21 *discipline for unprofessional conduct for:*

22 *(a) Complying with a health care decision of a person based*
23 *on a reasonable belief that the person has authority to make the*
24 *decision for an individual, including, without limitation, a*
25 *decision to withhold or withdraw health care;*

26 *(b) Refusing to comply with a health care decision of a person*
27 *based on a reasonable belief that the person lacked authority or*
28 *capacity to make the decision;*

29 *(c) Complying with an advance health-care directive based on*
30 *a reasonable belief that the directive is valid; or*

31 *(d) Determining that an individual who might otherwise be*
32 *authorized to act as an agent or default surrogate is not*
33 *reasonably available.*

34 *2. An agent or default surrogate, or an individual with a*
35 *reasonable belief that the individual is an agent or a default*
36 *surrogate, is not subject to civil or criminal liability or to discipline*
37 *for unprofessional conduct for a health care decision made in a*
38 *good faith effort to comply with the provisions of section 42 of this*
39 *act.*

40 **Sec. 49. 1.** *A person may not:*

41 *(a) Intentionally falsify an advance health-care directive;*

42 *(b) Intentionally conceal, deface, obliterate, or delete an*
43 *advance health-care directive or revocation of an advance health-*
44 *care directive without consent of the individual who created or*
45 *revoked the directive;*



1 (c) Coerce or fraudulently induce an individual to create,
2 revoke or refrain from creating or revoking an advance health-
3 care directive;

4 (d) Intentionally withhold knowledge of the existence or
5 revocation of an advance health-care directive from a responsible
6 health care provider or health care institution providing health
7 care to the individual who created or revoked the directive; or

8 (e) Require or prohibit the creation or revocation of an
9 advance health-care directive as a condition for providing health
10 care.

11 2. An individual who is the subject of conduct prohibited by
12 subsection 1, or the estate of the individual, has a cause of action
13 against a person that violates subsection 1 for statutory damages
14 of \$25,000 or actual damages resulting from the violation,
15 whichever is greater.

16 3. An individual who makes a health care instruction or the
17 estate of the individual has a cause of action against a health care
18 provider or health care institution that intentionally violates
19 subsection 4 of section 46 of this act for statutory damages of
20 \$50,000, or actual damages resulting from the violation,
21 whichever is greater.

22 4. In an action under this section, a prevailing plaintiff may
23 recover reasonable attorney's fees, court costs and other
24 reasonable litigation expenses.

25 5. The provisions of this section do not supersede or preclude
26 another cause of action or a remedy available under other law.

27 **Sec. 50.** 1. A physical or electronic copy of an advance
28 health-care directive, revocation of an advance health-care
29 directive or designation or disqualification of a surrogate has the
30 same effect as the original.

31 2. An individual may create a certified physical copy of an
32 advance health-care directive in electronic form or the revocation
33 in electronic form of a directive by affirming under penalty of
34 perjury that the physical copy is a complete and accurate copy of
35 the directive or revocation.

36 **Sec. 51.** 1. This act does not authorize mercy killing,
37 assisted suicide or euthanasia.

38 2. This act does not affect other law of this State governing
39 the treatment for mental illness of an individual involuntarily
40 committed to a mental health care institution pursuant to chapter
41 433 of NRS.

42 3. Death of an individual caused by withholding or
43 withdrawing health care in accordance with this act does not
44 constitute a suicide or homicide or legally impair or invalidate a



1 *policy of insurance or an annuity providing a death benefit,*
2 *notwithstanding any term of the policy or annuity to the contrary.*

3 *4. This act does not create a presumption concerning the*
4 *intention of an individual who has not created or who has revoked*
5 *an advance health-care directive.*

6 **Sec. 52.** *1. On petition of an individual, the surrogate of an*
7 *individual, a health care provider or health care institution*
8 *providing health care to the individual or a person interested in*
9 *the welfare of the individual, the court may:*

10 *(a) Enjoin implementation of a health care decision made by*
11 *an agent or default surrogate on behalf of the individual on a*
12 *finding that the decision is inconsistent with section 42 or 43 of*
13 *this act;*

14 *(b) Enjoin an agent from making a health care decision for*
15 *the individual on a finding that the individual's appointment of*
16 *the agent has been revoked or the agent:*

17 *(1) Is disqualified under subsection 3 of section 33 of this*
18 *act;*

19 *(2) Is unable or unwilling to comply with section 42 of this*
20 *act; or*

21 *(3) Poses a danger to the individual;*

22 *(c) Enjoin another individual from acting as a default*
23 *surrogate on a finding that the other individual's designation as a*
24 *default surrogate did not comply with section 37 of this act, or the*
25 *other individual:*

26 *(1) Is unable or unwilling to comply with section 42 of this*
27 *act; or*

28 *(2) Poses a danger to the first individual;*

29 *(d) Order implementation of a health care decision made by*
30 *and for the individual if the individual has not been found or*
31 *determined under section 29 or 31 of this act to lack capacity to*
32 *make the decision; or*

33 *(e) Order implementation of a health care decision made by an*
34 *agent or default surrogate who is acting in compliance with the*
35 *powers and duties of the agent or default surrogate.*

36 *2. Advocating for the withholding or withdrawal of health*
37 *care from an individual is not itself an indication that an agent or*
38 *default surrogate poses a danger to the individual.*

39 *3. A proceeding under this section is governed by chapter 159*
40 *of NRS.*

41 **Sec. 53.** *In applying and construing the Uniform Health*
42 *Care Decisions Act, a court shall consider the promotion of*
43 *uniformity of the law among states that enact it.*

44 **Sec. 54.** *Except as otherwise provided in sections 55 and 56*
45 *of this act, the form of a power of attorney for health care may be*



1 *substantially in the following form, and must be witnessed in the*
2 *same manner as the following form:*

3
4 **ADVANCE HEALTH-CARE DIRECTIVE**
5 **HOW YOU USE THIS FORM**

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7 *You can use this form if you wish to name someone to make*
8 *health care decisions for you in case you cannot make them*
9 *for yourself. This is called giving someone Power of*
10 *Attorney. This person is called your Agent.*

11
12 *You can also use this form to state your wishes, preferences,*
13 *and goals for health care, and to say if you want to be an*
14 *organ donor when you die.*

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16 **YOUR NAME AND BIRTHDAY**

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18 *Name:.....*

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20 *Date of birth:.....*

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22 **PART 1: POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTH CARE**

23
24 *Part 1 allows you to appoint someone else to make health*
25 *care decisions for you. You do not have to respond to every*
26 *item if you prefer not to.*

27
28 **1. NAMING AN AGENT**

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30 *I want the following person to make health care decisions*
31 *for me if I cannot make decisions for myself:*

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33 *Name:.....*

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35 *Address (optional):*

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37 *Phone Number (optional):*

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39 *Email (optional):*

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41 **2. NAMING AN ALTERNATE AGENT**

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43 *I want the following person to make health care decisions*
44 *for me if I cannot and my Agent is not willing, able or*
45 *reasonably available to make them for me:*



Name:.....

Address (optional):

Phone Number (optional):

Email (optional):

3. ADDITIONAL POWERS

My Agent can do the following things ONLY if I have initialed or marked them below:

- Admit me as a voluntary patient to a facility for mental health treatment for not more than 7 days, or 14 days or 30 days (circle one)
- Place me in a nursing home for more than 100 days if I am not terminally ill, even if my needs can be met somewhere else, and even if I object to being placed in the nursing home
- Agree to my participating in medical research even if it will not directly benefit me and risks more than a little harm to me

4. SPECIAL LIMITS ON AGENT'S AUTHORITY

I give my Agent the power to make all health care decisions for me if I cannot make those decisions for myself, except the following:

Limitations:.....

(If you do not add any limitations here, your Agent will be able to make all health care decisions that an Agent is permitted to make under state law.)

5. HEALTH INFORMATION SHARING

My Agent may obtain, examine and share information about my health needs and health care (initial or mark one):

- Whenever my Agent reasonably believes it is in my best interest
- Only if I cannot make health care decisions for myself



PART 2: HEALTH CARE INSTRUCTION

Part 2 lets you state your priorities for health care and the types of health care you do and do not want.

1. INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT

This section gives you the opportunity to say how you want your Agent to act in your behalf while making decisions for you. You may mark each item with a check, an X or your initials. You also may leave any item blank if you prefer.

If I have a condition that is not curable and is expected to cause me to die soon even if treated:

- I want to receive all medical treatments available to continue my life.*
- I do not want medical treatment if its only purpose is to continue my life.*
- If I cannot swallow, I do not want to be given food or liquids through a tube or other means if its only purpose is to continue my life.*
- I want to receive care that will help me be comfortable even if it shortens my life.*
- Other (write what you want or do not want).*

If I am unconscious and am not expected to be conscious again:

- I want to receive all medical treatments available to continue my life.*
- I do not want medical treatment if its only purpose is to continue my life.*
- If I cannot swallow, I do not want to be given food or liquids through a tube or other means if its only purpose is to continue my life.*
- I want to receive care that will help me be comfortable even if it may shorten my life.*
- Other (write what you want or do not want):*

If I have a medical condition from which I am not expected to recover that prevents me from communicating with people I care about, caring for myself and recognizing family and friends:

- I want to receive all medical treatments available to continue my life.*



1 *I do not want medical treatment if its only purpose*
2 *is to continue my life.*

3 *If I cannot swallow, I do not want to be given food*
4 *or liquids through a tube or other means if its only*
5 *purpose is to continue my life.*

6 *I want to receive care that will help me be*
7 *comfortable even if it may shorten my life.*

8 *Other (write what you want or do not want):*
9

10 **2. INSTRUCTION ABOUT PRIORITIES**

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12 *You can use this section to indicate what is important to*
13 *you, and what is not important to you. This information can*
14 *help your Agent make decisions for you if you cannot make*
15 *them for yourself. It also helps others understand your*
16 *preferences.*

17
18 *You may mark each item with a check, an X or your initials.*
19 *You also may leave any item blank if you prefer.*

20
21 *Staying alive as long as possible even if I have substantial*
22 *physical limitations is:*

23 *Very important*

24 *Somewhat important*

25 *Not important*
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27 *Staying alive as long as possible even if I have substantial*
28 *mental limitations is:*

29 *Very important*

30 *Somewhat important*

31 *Not important*
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33 *Being free from significant pain is:*

34 *Very important*

35 *Somewhat important*

36 *Not important*
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38 *Being independent is:*

39 *Very important*

40 *Somewhat important*

41 *Not important*
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43 *Having my family and friends involved in making decisions*
44 *about my care is:*

45 *Very important*



- Somewhat important
- Not important

3. OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

You can use this section to provide any other information about your goals, preferences, values and wishes for treatment about the health care you want or do not want. You can also use this section to name anyone who you do not want to make decisions for you under any conditions.

4. OPTIONAL, ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR YOUR AGENT

You may mark each item with a check, an X or your initials. You also may leave any item blank if you prefer.

- The instructions I stated in this document should guide the person making decisions for me. However, I give my Agent permission to be flexible in applying these instructions if they think it would be in my best interest based on what they know about me.*
- The instructions I stated in this document should guide the person making decisions for me. I want them to follow them exactly as written if possible, even if they think something else is better.*

PART 3: ORGAN DONATION

Part 3 allows you to donate your organs when you die. If you do not want to use this form to make a donation, you may leave it blank.

You may mark each item with a check, an X or your initials. You also may leave any item blank if you prefer.

Even if procedures necessary to evaluate, maintain or preserve my organs, tissues or other body parts conflict with other instructions I have put in this form or another document, upon my death:

- I donate my organs, tissues and other body parts, except for those listed below (list any body parts you do NOT want to donate):*



() *I donate the following organs, tissues or body parts only (list any body parts you DO want to donate):*

() *I do not want my organs, tissues or body parts donated to anybody for any reason.*

My organs, tissues and body parts may be used for (mark each item you want with a check, an X or your initials):

- () *Transplant*
- () *Therapy*
- () *Research*
- () *Education*
- () *All of the above*

PART 4: SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON THIS FORM

YOUR SIGNATURE:

Sign your name:

Today's date:

SIGNATURE OF A WITNESS

You need a witness if you are using this form to name an Agent. The witness cannot be the person you are naming as Agent or the Agent's spouse, domestic partner or someone the Agent lives with as a couple. If you live in a nursing home, the witness cannot be an employee of the home or someone who owns or runs the home.

Witness's name:.....

Witness's signature:

(Only sign as a witness if you believe that the person filling out this form is doing so voluntarily.)

Witness's address:

Date witness signed:



PART 5: INFORMATION FOR AGENTS

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- 3 **1. If this form appoints you as an Agent, you may make**
- 4 **decisions about health care for the person who**
- 5 **appointed you when they cannot make their own.**
- 6
- 7 **2. If you make a decision for the person, follow any**
- 8 **instructions the person gave, including any in this**
- 9 **form.**
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- 11 **3. If you don't know what the person would want, make**
- 12 **the decision that you think is in the person's best**
- 13 **interest. To figure out what is in the individual's best**
- 14 **interest, consider the individual's values, preferences**
- 15 **and goals if you know them or can learn them. Some of**
- 16 **these preferences may be on this form. You should also**
- 17 **consider any behavior or communications from the**
- 18 **person that indicate what they currently want.**
- 19
- 20 **4. If this form appoints you as an Agent, you can also get**
- 21 **and share the individual's health information. But**
- 22 **unless the person has said so in this form, you can only**
- 23 **get or share this information when the person cannot**
- 24 **make their own decisions about their health care.**

Sec. 55. 1. The form of a power of attorney for health care for an adult with an intellectual disability may be substantially in the following form and must be witnessed in the same manner as the following form:

**ADVANCE HEALTH-CARE DIRECTIVE
HOW YOU USE THIS FORM**

You can use this form if you wish to name someone to make health care decisions for you in case you cannot make them for yourself. This is called giving someone Power of Attorney. This person is called your Agent.

You can also use this form to state your wishes, preferences and goals for health care, and to say if you want to be an organ donor when you die.

YOUR NAME AND BIRTHDAY

Name:.....



Date of birth:.....

PART 1: POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTH CARE

Part 1 allows you to appoint someone else to make health care decisions for you. You do not have to respond to every item if you prefer not to.

1. NAMING AN AGENT

I would like to designate (insert the name of the person you wish to designate as your agent for health care decisions for you) as my agent for health care decisions for me if I am sick or hurt and need to see a doctor or an advanced practice registered nurse or go to the hospital. I understand what this means.

Name (of agent):.....

Address (optional):

Phone Number (optional):

Email (optional):

2. NAMING AN ALTERNATE AGENT

I want the following person to make health care decisions for me if I cannot and my Agent is not willing, able or reasonably available to make them for me:

Name:.....

Address (optional):

Phone Number (optional):

Email (optional):

3. ADDITIONAL POWERS

If I am sick or hurt, my agent should take me to the doctor or an advanced practice registered nurse. If my agent is not with me when I become sick or hurt, please contact my agent and ask him or her to come to the doctor's or



1 *advanced practice registered nurse's office. I would like the*
2 *doctor or advanced practice registered nurse to speak with*
3 *my agent and me about my sickness or injury and whether I*
4 *need any medicine or other treatment. After we speak with*
5 *the doctor or advanced practice registered nurse, I would*
6 *like my agent to speak with me about the care or treatment.*
7 *When we have made decisions about the care or treatment,*
8 *my agent will tell the doctor or advanced practice registered*
9 *nurse about our decisions and sign any necessary papers.*

10 *If I am very sick or hurt, I may need to go to the hospital.*
11 *I would like my agent to help me decide if I need to go to the*
12 *hospital. If I go to the hospital, I would like the people who*
13 *work at the hospital to try very hard to care for me. If I am*
14 *able to communicate, I would like the doctor or advanced*
15 *practice registered nurse at the hospital to speak with me*
16 *and my agent about what care or treatment I should receive,*
17 *even if I am unable to understand what is being said about*
18 *me. After we speak with the doctor or advanced practice*
19 *registered nurse, I would like my agent to help me decide*
20 *what care or treatment I should receive. Once we decide, my*
21 *agent will sign any necessary paperwork. If I am unable to*
22 *communicate because of my illness or injury, I would like*
23 *my agent to make decisions about my care or treatment*
24 *based on what he or she thinks I would do and what is best*
25 *for me.*

26 *I would like my agent to help me decide if I need to see a*
27 *dentist and help me make decisions about what care or*
28 *treatment I should receive from the dentist. Once we decide,*
29 *my agent will sign any necessary paperwork.*

30 *I understand that my agent cannot make me receive any*
31 *care or treatment that I do not want. I also understand that*
32 *I can take away this power from my agent at any time,*
33 *either by telling my agent that he or she is no longer my*
34 *agent or by putting it in writing.*

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36 **4. SPECIAL LIMITS ON AGENT'S AUTHORITY**

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38 *I give my Agent the power to make all health care decisions*
39 *for me if I cannot make those decisions for myself, except*
40 *the following:*

41 *Limitations:.....*
42 *.....*
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(If you do not add any limitations here, your Agent will be able to make all health care decisions that an Agent is permitted to make under state law.)

5. HEALTH INFORMATION SHARING

I would like my agent to be able to see and have copies of all my medical records. If my agent requests to see or have copies of my medical records, please allow him or her to see or have copies of the records.

PART 2: HEALTH CARE INSTRUCTION

Part 2 lets you state your priorities for health care and the types of health care you do and do not want.

1. INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT

You can, but are not required to, state what you want to happen if you get very sick and are not likely to get well. You do not have to complete this form, but if you do, your agent must do as you ask if you cannot speak for yourself.

..... (Insert name of agent) might have to decide, if you get very sick, whether to continue with your medicine or to stop your medicine, even if it means you might not live (Insert name of agent) will talk to you to find out what you want to do, and will follow your wishes.

If you are not able to talk to (insert name of agent), you can help him or her make these decisions for you by letting your agent know what you want.

Here are your choices. Please circle yes or no to each of the following statements and sign your name below:

1. I want to take all the medicine and receive any treatment I can to keep me alive regardless of how the medicine or treatment makes me feel.

YES NO

2. I do not want to take medicine or receive treatment if my doctors or advanced practice



1 *registered nurses think that the*
2 *medicine or treatment will not help*
3 *me.*

YES NO

4 *3. I do not want to take*
5 *medicine or receive treatment if I*
6 *am very sick and suffering and the*
7 *medicine or treatment will not help*
8 *me get better.*

YES NO

9 *4. I want to get food and water*
10 *even if I do not want to take*
11 *medicine or receive treatment.*

YES NO

12
13 **2. INSTRUCTION ABOUT PRIORITIES**

14
15 *You can use this section to indicate what is important to*
16 *you, and what is not important to you. This information can*
17 *help your Agent make decisions for you if you cannot make*
18 *them for yourself. It also helps others understand your*
19 *preferences.*

20
21 *You may mark each item with a check, an X or your initials.*
22 *You also may leave any item blank if you prefer.*

23
24 *Staying alive as long as possible even if I have substantial*
25 *physical limitations is:*

- 26 *Very important*
27 *Somewhat important*
28 *Not important*

29
30 *Staying alive as long as possible even if I have substantial*
31 *mental limitations is:*

- 32 *Very important*
33 *Somewhat important*
34 *Not important*

35
36 *Being free from significant pain is:*

- 37 *Very important*
38 *Somewhat important*
39 *Not important*

40
41 *Being independent is:*

- 42 *Very important*
43 *Somewhat important*
44 *Not important*



1 *Having my family and friends involved in making decisions*
2 *about my care is:*

- 3 *Very important*
4 *Somewhat important*
5 *Not important*

6
7 **3. OTHER INSTRUCTIONS**

8
9 *You can use this section to provide any other information*
10 *about your goals, preferences, values and wishes for*
11 *treatment about the health care you want or do not want.*
12 *You can also use this section to name anyone who you do*
13 *not want to make decisions for you under any conditions.*

14
15 **4. OPTIONAL, ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR YOUR**
16 **AGENT**

17
18 *You may mark each item with a check, an X or your initials.*
19 *You also may leave any item blank if you prefer.*

20 *The instructions I stated in this document should*
21 *guide the person making decisions for me.*
22 *However, I give my Agent permission to be flexible*
23 *in applying these instructions if they think it would*
24 *be in my best interest based on what they know*
25 *about me.*

26 *The instructions I stated in this document should*
27 *guide the person making decisions for me. I want*
28 *them to follow them exactly as written if possible,*
29 *even if they think something else is better.*

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31 **PART 3: ORGAN DONATION**

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33 *Part 3 allows you to donate your organs when you die. If*
34 *you do not want to use this form to make a donation, you*
35 *may leave it blank.*

36
37 *You may mark each item with a check, an X or your initials.*
38 *You also may leave any item blank if you prefer.*

39
40 *Even if procedures necessary to evaluate, maintain or*
41 *preserve my organs, tissues or other body parts conflict with*
42 *other instructions I have put in this form or another*
43 *document, upon my death:*



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I donate my organs, tissues and other body parts, except for those listed below (list any body parts you do NOT want to donate):.....

I donate the following organs, tissues or body parts only (list any body parts you DO want to donate):.....

I do not want my organs, tissues or body parts donated to anybody for any reason.

My organs, tissues and body parts may be used for (mark each item you want with a check, an X or your initials):

- Transplant*
- Therapy*
- Research*
- Education*
- All of the above*

PART 4: SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON THIS FORM

YOUR SIGNATURE:

Sign your name:

Today's date:

SIGNATURE OF A WITNESS

You need a witness if you are using this form to name an Agent. The witness cannot be the person you are naming as Agent or the Agent's spouse, domestic partner or someone the Agent lives with as a couple. If you live in a nursing home, the witness cannot be an employee of the home or someone who owns or runs the home.

Witness's name:.....

Witness's signature:

(Only sign as a witness if you believe that the person filling out this form is doing so voluntarily.)

Witness's address:

Date witness signed:



PART 5: INFORMATION FOR AGENTS

- 1
- 2
- 3 **1. If this form appoints you as an Agent, you may make**
- 4 **decisions about health care for the person who**
- 5 **appointed you when they cannot make their own.**
- 6
- 7 **2. If you make a decision for the person, follow any**
- 8 **instructions the person gave, including any in this**
- 9 **form.**
- 10
- 11 **3. If you don't know what the person would want, make**
- 12 **the decision that you think is in the person's best**
- 13 **interest. To figure out what is in the individual's best**
- 14 **interest, consider the individual's values, preferences**
- 15 **and goals if you know them or can learn them. Some of**
- 16 **these preferences may be on this form. You should also**
- 17 **consider any behavior or communications from the**
- 18 **person that indicate what they currently want.**
- 19
- 20 **4. If this form appoints you as an Agent, you can also get**
- 21 **and share the individual's health information. But**
- 22 **unless the person has said so in this form, you can only**
- 23 **get or share this information when the person cannot**
- 24 **make their own decisions about their health care.**

Sec. 56. The form of a power of attorney for health care for an adult with any form of dementia may be substantially in the following form and must be witnessed in the same manner as the following form:

**ADVANCE HEALTH-CARE DIRECTIVE
HOW YOU USE THIS FORM**

You can use this form if you wish to name someone to make health care decisions for you in case you cannot make them for yourself. This is called giving someone Power of Attorney. This person is called your Agent.

You can also use this form to state your wishes, preferences and goals for health care, and to say if you want to be an organ donor when you die.

YOUR NAME AND BIRTHDAY

Name:.....



Date of birth:.....

PART 1: POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTH CARE

Part 1 allows you to appoint someone else to make health care decisions for you. You do not have to respond to every item if you prefer not to.

1. NAMING AN AGENT

I would like to designate (insert the name of the person you wish to designate as your agent for health care decisions for you) as my agent for health care decisions for me if I am sick or hurt and need to see a doctor or an advanced practice registered nurse or go to the hospital. I understand what this means.

Name (of agent):.....

Address (optional):

Phone Number (optional):

Email (optional):

2. NAMING AN ALTERNATE AGENT

I want the following person to make health care decisions for me if I cannot and my Agent is not willing, able or reasonably available to make them for me:

Name:.....

Address (optional):

Phone Number (optional):

Email (optional):

3. ADDITIONAL POWERS

If I am sick or hurt, my agent should take me to the doctor or an advanced practice registered nurse. If my agent is not with me when I become sick or hurt, please contact my agent and ask him or her to come to the doctor's or



1 *advanced practice registered nurse's office. I would like the*
2 *doctor or advanced practice registered nurse to speak with*
3 *my agent and me about my sickness or injury and whether I*
4 *need any medicine or other treatment. After we speak with*
5 *the doctor or advanced practice registered nurse, I would*
6 *like my agent to speak with me about the care or treatment.*
7 *When we have made decisions about the care or treatment,*
8 *my agent will tell the doctor or advanced practice registered*
9 *nurse about our decisions and sign any necessary papers.*

10 *If I am very sick or hurt, I may need to go to the hospital.*
11 *I would like my agent to help me decide if I need to go to the*
12 *hospital. If I go to the hospital, I would like the people who*
13 *work at the hospital to try very hard to care for me. If I am*
14 *able to communicate, I would like the doctor or advanced*
15 *practice registered nurse at the hospital to speak with me*
16 *and my agent about what care or treatment I should receive,*
17 *even if I am unable to understand what is being said about*
18 *me. After we speak with the doctor or advanced practice*
19 *registered nurse, I would like my agent to help me decide*
20 *what care or treatment I should receive. Once we decide, my*
21 *agent will sign any necessary paperwork. If I am unable to*
22 *communicate because of my illness or injury, I would like*
23 *my agent to make decisions about my care or treatment*
24 *based on what he or she thinks I would do and what is best*
25 *for me.*

26 *I would like my agent to help me decide if I need to see a*
27 *dentist and help me make decisions about what care or*
28 *treatment I should receive from the dentist. Once we decide,*
29 *my agent will sign any necessary paperwork.*

30 *I understand that my agent cannot make me receive any*
31 *care or treatment that I do not want. I also understand that*
32 *I can take away this power from my agent at any time,*
33 *either by telling my agent that he or she is no longer my*
34 *agent or by putting it in writing.*

35 *If my agent is unable to make health care decisions for*
36 *me, then I designate (insert the name of*
37 *another person you wish to designate as your alternative*
38 *agent to make health care decisions for you) as my agent to*
39 *make health care decisions for me as authorized in this*
40 *document.*



4. SPECIAL LIMITS ON AGENT'S AUTHORITY

I give my Agent the power to make all health care decisions for me if I cannot make those decisions for myself, except the following:

Limitations:.....

.....

(If you do not add any limitations here, your Agent will be able to make all health care decisions that an Agent is permitted to make under state law.)

5. HEALTH INFORMATION SHARING

I would also like my agent to be able to see and have copies of all my medical records. If my agent requests to see or have copies of my medical records, please allow him or her to see or have copies of the records.

PART 2: HEALTH CARE INSTRUCTION

Part 2 lets you state your priorities for health care and the types of health care you do and do not want.

1. INSTRUCTIONS ABOUT LIFE-SUSTAINING TREATMENT

You can, but are not required to, state what you want to happen if you get very sick and are not likely to get well. You do not have to complete this form, but if you do, your agent must do as you ask if you cannot speak for yourself.

*..... (Insert name of agent) might have to decide, if you get very sick, whether to continue with your medicine or to stop your medicine, even if it means you might not live
..... (Insert name of agent) will talk to you to find out what you want to do, and will follow your wishes.*

If you are not able to talk to (insert name of agent), you can help him or her make these decisions for you by letting your agent know what you want.

Here are your choices. Please circle yes or no to each of the following statements and sign your name below:



1 *1. I want to take all the*
2 *medicine and receive any treatment*
3 *I can to keep me alive regardless of*
4 *how the medicine or treatment*
5 *makes me feel.* YES NO

6 *2. I do not want to take*
7 *medicine or receive treatment if my*
8 *doctors or advanced practice*
9 *registered nurses think that the*
10 *medicine or treatment will not help*
11 *me.* YES NO

12 *3. I do not want to take*
13 *medicine or receive treatment if I*
14 *am very sick and suffering and the*
15 *medicine or treatment will not help*
16 *me get better.* YES NO

17 *4. I want to get food and water*
18 *even if I do not want to take*
19 *medicine or receive treatment.* YES NO

20
21 **2. INSTRUCTION ABOUT PRIORITIES**
22

23 *You can use this section to indicate what is important to*
24 *you, and what is not important to you. This information can*
25 *help your Agent make decisions for you if you cannot make*
26 *them for yourself. It also helps others understand your*
27 *preferences.*

28
29 *You may mark each item with a check, an X or your initials.*
30 *You also may leave any item blank if you prefer.*
31

32 *Staying alive as long as possible even if I have substantial*
33 *physical limitations is:*

- 34 *Very important*
- 35 *Somewhat important*
- 36 *Not important*

37
38 *Staying alive as long as possible even if I have substantial*
39 *mental limitations is:*

- 40 *Very important*
- 41 *Somewhat important*
- 42 *Not important*



1 *Being free from significant pain is:*

- 2 *Very important*
3 *Somewhat important*
4 *Not important*

5
6 *Being independent is:*

- 7 *Very important*
8 *Somewhat important*
9 *Not important*

10
11 *Having my family and friends involved in making decisions*
12 *about my care is:*

- 13 *Very important*
14 *Somewhat important*
15 *Not important*

16
17 **3. OTHER INSTRUCTIONS**

18
19 *You can use this section to provide any other information*
20 *about your goals, preferences, values and wishes for*
21 *treatment about the health care you want or do not want.*
22 *You can also use this section to name anyone who you do*
23 *not want to make decisions for you under any conditions.*

24
25 **4. OPTIONAL, ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR YOUR**
26 **AGENT**

27
28 *You may mark each item with a check, an X or your initials.*
29 *You also may leave any item blank if you prefer.*

30 *The instructions I stated in this document should*
31 *guide the person making decisions for me.*
32 *However, I give my Agent permission to be flexible*
33 *in applying these instructions if they think it would*
34 *be in my best interest based on what they know*
35 *about me.*

36 *The instructions I stated in this document should*
37 *guide the person making decisions for me. I want*
38 *them to follow them exactly as written if possible,*
39 *even if they think something else is better.*

40
41 **PART 3: ORGAN DONATION**

42
43 *Part 3 allows you to donate your organs when you die. If*
44 *you do not want to use this form to make a donation, you*
45 *may leave it blank.*



You may mark each item with a check, an X or your initials. You also may leave any item blank if you prefer.

Even if procedures necessary to evaluate, maintain or preserve my organs, tissues or other body parts conflict with other instructions I have put in this form or another document, upon my death:

I donate my organs, tissues and other body parts, except for those listed below (list any body parts you do NOT want to donate):.....

I donate the following organs, tissues or body parts only (list any body parts you DO want to donate):.....

I do not want my organs, tissues or body parts donated to anybody for any reason.

My organs, tissues and body parts may be used for (mark each item you want with a check, an X or your initials):

- Transplant*
- Therapy*
- Research*
- Education*
- All of the above*

PART 4: SIGNATURES REQUIRED ON THIS FORM

YOUR SIGNATURE:

Sign your name:

Today's date:

SIGNATURE OF A WITNESS

You need a witness if you are using this form to name an Agent. The witness cannot be the person you are naming as Agent or the Agent's spouse, domestic partner or someone the Agent lives with as a couple. If you live in a nursing home, the witness cannot be an employee of the home or someone who owns or runs the home.



1 *Witness's name:*.....

2
3 *Witness's signature:*

4 *(Only sign as a witness if you believe that the person*
5 *filling out this form is doing so voluntarily.)*

6
7 *Witness's address:*

8
9 *Date witness signed:*

10
11 **PART 5: INFORMATION FOR AGENTS**

- 12
- 13 1. *If this form appoints you as an Agent, you may make*
- 14 *decisions about health care for the person who*
- 15 *appointed you when they cannot make their own.*
- 16
- 17 2. *If you make a decision for the person, follow any*
- 18 *instructions the person gave, including any in this*
- 19 *form.*
- 20
- 21 3. *If you don't know what the person would want, make*
- 22 *the decision that you think is in the person's best*
- 23 *interest. To figure out what is in the individual's best*
- 24 *interest, consider the individual's values, preferences*
- 25 *and goals if you know them or can learn them. Some of*
- 26 *these preferences may be on this form. You should also*
- 27 *consider any behavior or communications from the*
- 28 *person that indicate what they currently want.*
- 29
- 30 4. *If this form appoints you as an Agent, you can also get*
- 31 *and share the individual's health information. But*
- 32 *unless the person has said so in this form, you can only*
- 33 *get or share this information when the person cannot*
- 34 *make their own decisions about their health care.*

35 **Sec. 57.** NRS 162A.220 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 162A.220 1. A power of attorney must be signed by the
37 principal or, in the principal's conscious presence, by another
38 individual directed by the principal to sign the principal's name on
39 the power of attorney. A signature on a power of attorney is
40 presumed to be genuine if the principal acknowledges the signature
41 before a notary public or other individual authorized by law to take
42 acknowledgments.

43 2. If the principal resides in a hospital, residential facility for
44 groups, facility for skilled nursing or home for individual residential
45 care, at the time of execution of the power of attorney, a



1 certification of competency of the principal from an advanced
2 practice registered nurse, a physician, psychologist or psychiatrist
3 must be attached to the power of attorney.

4 3. If the principal resides or is about to reside in a hospital,
5 assisted living facility or facility for skilled nursing at the time of
6 execution of the power of attorney, in addition to the prohibition set
7 forth in ~~[NRS-162A.840]~~ *section 33 of this act* and except as
8 otherwise provided in subsection 4, the principal may not name as
9 agent in any power of attorney for any purpose:

10 (a) The hospital, assisted living facility or facility for skilled
11 nursing;

12 (b) An owner or operator of the hospital, assisted living facility
13 or facility for skilled nursing; or

14 (c) An employee of the hospital, assisted living facility or
15 facility for skilled nursing.

16 4. The principal may name as agent any person identified in
17 subsection 3 if that person is:

18 (a) The spouse, legal guardian or next of kin of the principal; or

19 (b) Named only for the purpose of assisting the principal to
20 establish eligibility for Medicaid and the power of attorney complies
21 with the provisions of subsection 5.

22 5. A person may be named as agent pursuant to paragraph (b)
23 of subsection 4 only if:

24 (a) A valid financial power of attorney for the principal does not
25 exist;

26 (b) The agent has made a good faith effort to contact each
27 family member of the principal identified in the records of the
28 hospital, assisted living facility or facility for skilled nursing, as
29 applicable, to request that the family member establish a financial
30 power of attorney for the principal and has documented his or her
31 effort;

32 (c) The power of attorney specifies that the agent is only
33 authorized to access financial documents of the principal which are
34 necessary to prove eligibility of the principal for Medicaid as
35 described in the application for Medicaid and specifies that any
36 request for such documentation must be accompanied by a copy of
37 the application for Medicaid or by other proof that the document is
38 necessary to prove eligibility for Medicaid;

39 (d) The power of attorney specifies that the agent does not have
40 authority to access money or any other asset of the principal for any
41 purpose; and

42 (e) The power of attorney specifies that the power of attorney is
43 only valid until eligibility of the principal for Medicaid is
44 determined or 6 months after the power of attorney is signed,
45 whichever is sooner.



1 6. A person who is named as agent pursuant to paragraph (b) of
2 subsection 4 shall not use the power of attorney for any purpose
3 other than to assist the principal to establish eligibility for Medicaid
4 and shall not use the power of attorney in a manner inconsistent
5 with the provisions of subsection 5. A person who violates the
6 provisions of this subsection is guilty of a category C felony and
7 shall be punished as provided in NRS 193.130.

8 7. As used in this section:

9 (a) "Assisted living facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in
10 NRS 422.3962.

11 (b) "Facility for skilled nursing" has the meaning ascribed to it
12 in NRS 449.0039.

13 (c) "Home for individual residential care" has the meaning
14 ascribed to it in NRS 449.0105.

15 (d) "Hospital" has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS 449.012.

16 (e) "Residential facility for groups" has the meaning ascribed to
17 it in NRS 449.017.

18 **Sec. 58.** NRS 200.495 is hereby amended to read as follows:

19 200.495 1. A professional caretaker who fails to provide such
20 service, care or supervision as is reasonable and necessary to
21 maintain the health or safety of a patient is guilty of criminal neglect
22 of a patient if:

23 (a) The act or omission is aggravated, reckless or gross;

24 (b) The act or omission is such a departure from what would be
25 the conduct of an ordinarily prudent, careful person under the same
26 circumstances that it is contrary to a proper regard for danger to
27 human life or constitutes indifference to the resulting consequences;

28 (c) The consequences of the negligent act or omission could
29 have reasonably been foreseen; and

30 (d) The danger to human life was not the result of inattention,
31 mistaken judgment or misadventure, but the natural and probable
32 result of an aggravated reckless or grossly negligent act or omission.

33 2. Unless a more severe penalty is prescribed by law for the act
34 or omission which brings about the neglect, a person who commits
35 criminal neglect of a patient:

36 (a) If the neglect results in death, is guilty of a category B felony
37 and shall be punished by imprisonment in the state prison for a
38 minimum term of not less than 1 year and a maximum term of not
39 more than 20 years.

40 (b) If the neglect results in substantial bodily harm, is guilty of a
41 category B felony and shall be punished by imprisonment in the
42 state prison for a minimum term of not less than 1 year and a
43 maximum term of not more than 6 years, or by a fine of not more
44 than \$5,000, or by both fine and imprisonment.



1 (c) If the neglect does not result in death or substantial bodily
2 harm, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

3 3. For the purposes of this section, a patient is not neglected for
4 the sole reason that:

5 (a) According to the patient's desire, the patient is being
6 furnished with treatment by spiritual means through prayer alone in
7 accordance with the tenets and practices of a church or religious
8 denomination. Subsection 1 does not authorize or require any
9 medical care or treatment over the implied or express objection of
10 such a patient.

11 (b) Life-sustaining treatment was withheld or withdrawn in
12 accordance with a valid declaration by the patient or his or her agent
13 pursuant to ~~[NRS 162A.790.]~~ *section 33 of this act.*

14 4. Upon the conviction of a person for a violation of the
15 provisions of subsection 1, the Attorney General shall give notice of
16 the conviction to the licensing boards which:

17 (a) Licensed the facility in which the criminal neglect occurred;
18 and

19 (b) If applicable, licensed the person so convicted.

20 5. As used in this section:

21 (a) "Medical facility" has the meaning ascribed to it in
22 NRS 449.0151.

23 (b) "Patient" means a person who resides or receives health care
24 in a medical facility.

25 (c) "Professional caretaker" means a person who:

26 (1) Holds a license, registration or permit issued pursuant to
27 title 54 or chapter 449 of NRS;

28 (2) Is employed by, an agent of or under contract to perform
29 services for, a medical facility; and

30 (3) Has responsibility to provide care to patients.

31 ↪ The term does not include a person who is not involved in the
32 day-to-day operation or management of a medical facility unless
33 that person has actual knowledge of the criminal neglect of a patient
34 and takes no action to cure such neglect.

35 **Sec. 59.** NRS 225.330 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 225.330 "Other document" means a document registered with
37 the Secretary of State pursuant to NRS 225.370 and may include,
38 without limitation, a passport, a birth certificate, a marriage license,
39 a form requesting to nominate a guardian that is executed in
40 accordance with NRS 159.0753 or a power of attorney for health
41 care that is properly executed pursuant to ~~[NRS 162A.790.]~~ *section*
42 *33 of this act.*

43 **Sec. 60.** NRS 232.459 is hereby amended to read as follows:

44 232.459 1. The Advocate shall:



1 (a) Respond to written and telephonic inquiries received from
2 consumers and injured employees regarding concerns and problems
3 related to health care and workers' compensation;

4 (b) Assist consumers and injured employees in understanding
5 their rights and responsibilities under health care plans, including,
6 without limitation, the Public Employees' Benefits Program, and
7 policies of industrial insurance;

8 (c) Identify and investigate complaints of consumers and injured
9 employees regarding their health care plans, including, without
10 limitation, the Public Employees' Benefits Program, and policies of
11 industrial insurance and assist those consumers and injured
12 employees to resolve their complaints, including, without limitation:

13 (1) Referring consumers and injured employees to the
14 appropriate agency, department or other entity that is responsible for
15 addressing the specific complaint of the consumer or injured
16 employee; and

17 (2) Providing counseling and assistance to consumers and
18 injured employees concerning health care plans, including, without
19 limitation, the Public Employees' Benefits Program, and policies of
20 industrial insurance;

21 (d) Provide information to consumers and injured employees
22 concerning health care plans, including, without limitation, the
23 Public Employees' Benefits Program, and policies of industrial
24 insurance in this State;

25 (e) Establish and maintain a system to collect and maintain
26 information pertaining to the written and telephonic inquiries
27 received by the Office for Consumer Health Assistance;

28 (f) Take such actions as are necessary to ensure public
29 awareness of the existence and purpose of the services provided by
30 the Advocate pursuant to this section;

31 (g) In appropriate cases and pursuant to the direction of the
32 Advocate, refer a complaint or the results of an investigation to the
33 Attorney General for further action;

34 (h) Provide information to and applications for prescription drug
35 programs for consumers without insurance coverage for prescription
36 drugs or pharmaceutical services;

37 (i) Establish and maintain an Internet website which includes:

38 (1) Information concerning purchasing prescription drugs
39 from Canadian pharmacies that have been recommended by the
40 State Board of Pharmacy for inclusion on the Internet website
41 pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 639.2328;

42 (2) Links to websites of Canadian pharmacies which have
43 been recommended by the State Board of Pharmacy for inclusion on
44 the Internet website pursuant to subsection 4 of NRS 639.2328; and



1 (3) A link to the website established and maintained pursuant
2 to NRS 439A.270 which provides information to the general public
3 concerning the charges imposed and the quality of the services
4 provided by the hospitals and surgical centers for ambulatory
5 patients in this State;

6 (j) Assist consumers with accessing a navigator, case manager
7 or facilitator to help the consumer obtain health care services;

8 (k) Assist consumers with scheduling an appointment with a
9 provider of health care who is in the network of providers under
10 contract to provide services to participants in the health care plan
11 under which the consumer is covered;

12 (l) Assist consumers with filing complaints against health care
13 facilities and health care professionals;

14 (m) Assist consumers with filing complaints with the
15 Commissioner of Insurance against issuers of health care plans; and

16 (n) On or before January 31 of each year, compile a report of
17 aggregated information submitted to the Office for Consumer
18 Health Assistance pursuant to NRS 687B.675, aggregated for each
19 type of provider of health care for which such information is
20 provided and submit the report to the Director of the Legislative
21 Counsel Bureau for transmittal to:

22 (1) In even-numbered years, the Joint Interim Standing
23 Committee on Health and Human Services; and

24 (2) In odd-numbered years, the next regular session of the
25 Legislature.

26 2. The Advocate may adopt regulations to carry out the
27 provisions of this section and NRS 232.461 and 232.462.

28 3. As used in this section:

29 (a) "Health care facility" ~~[has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS~~
30 ~~162A.740.] means any:~~

31 (1) *Medical facility as defined in NRS 449.0151; and*

32 (2) *Facility for the dependent as defined in NRS 449.0045.*

33 (b) "Navigator, case manager or facilitator" has the meaning
34 ascribed to it in NRS 687B.675.

35 **Sec. 61.** NRS 433A.190 is hereby amended to read as follows:

36 433A.190 1. The administrative officer of a public or private
37 mental health facility or hospital shall ensure that, within 24 hours
38 of the emergency admission of a person alleged to be a person in a
39 mental health crisis who is at least 18 years of age, the person is
40 asked to give permission to provide notice of the emergency
41 admission to a family member, friend or other person identified by
42 the person.

43 2. If a person alleged to be a person in a mental health crisis
44 who is at least 18 years of age gives permission to notify a family



1 member, friend or other person of the emergency admission, the
2 administrative officer shall ensure that:

3 (a) The permission is recorded in the medical record of the
4 person; and

5 (b) Notice of the admission is promptly provided to the family
6 member, friend or other person in person or by telephone, facsimile,
7 other electronic communication or certified mail.

8 3. Except as otherwise provided in subsections 4 and 5, if a
9 person alleged to be a person in a mental health crisis who is at least
10 18 years of age does not give permission to notify a family member,
11 friend or other person of the emergency admission of the person,
12 notice of the emergency admission must not be provided until
13 permission is obtained.

14 4. If a person alleged to be a person in a mental health crisis
15 who is at least 18 years of age is not able to give or refuse
16 permission to notify a family member, friend or other person of the
17 emergency admission, the administrative officer of the mental health
18 facility or hospital may cause notice as described in paragraph (b) of
19 subsection 2 to be provided if the administrative officer determines
20 that it is in the best interest of the person in a mental health crisis.

21 5. If a guardian has been appointed for a person alleged to be a
22 person in a mental health crisis who is at least 18 years of age or the
23 person has executed a durable power of attorney for health care
24 pursuant to ~~[NRS 162A.700 to 162A.870, inclusive,]~~ *sections 3 to*
25 *56, inclusive, of this act* or appointed an attorney-in-fact using an
26 advance directive for psychiatric care pursuant to NRS 449A.600 to
27 449A.645, inclusive, the administrative officer of the mental health
28 facility or hospital must ensure that the guardian, agent designated
29 by the durable power of attorney or the attorney-in-fact, as
30 applicable, is promptly notified of the admission as described in
31 paragraph (b) of subsection 2, regardless of whether the person
32 alleged to be a person in a mental health crisis has given permission
33 to the notification.

34 **Sec. 62.** NRS 439.4923 is hereby amended to read as follows:

35 439.4923 "Health care facility" ~~[has the meaning ascribed to it~~
36 ~~in NRS 162A.740.]~~ *means any:*

- 37 1. *Medical facility as defined in NRS 449.0151; and*
38 2. *Facility for the dependent as defined in NRS 449.0045.*

39 **Sec. 63.** NRS 439.4972 is hereby amended to read as follows:

40 439.4972 "Health care facility" ~~[has the meaning ascribed to it~~
41 ~~in NRS 162A.740.]~~ *means any:*

- 42 1. *Medical facility as defined in NRS 449.0151; and*
43 2. *Facility for the dependent as defined in NRS 449.0045.*



1 **Sec. 64.** NRS 449A.309 is hereby amended to read as follows:
2 449A.309 “Representative of the patient” means a legal
3 guardian of the patient, a person designated by the patient to make
4 decisions governing the withholding or withdrawal of life-sustaining
5 treatment pursuant to NRS 449A.433 or a person given power of
6 attorney to make decisions concerning health care for the patient
7 pursuant to ~~NRS 162A.700 to 162A.870, inclusive.~~ *sections 3 to*
8 *56, inclusive, of this act.*

9 **Sec. 65.** NRS 449A.433 is hereby amended to read as follows:
10 449A.433 1. A person of sound mind and 18 or more years of
11 age may execute at any time a declaration governing the
12 withholding or withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment. The
13 declarant may designate another natural person of sound mind and
14 18 or more years of age to make decisions governing the
15 withholding or withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment.
16 The declaration must be signed by the declarant, or another at the
17 declarant’s direction, and attested by two witnesses.

18 2. A physician or other provider of health care who is furnished
19 a copy of the declaration shall make it a part of the declarant’s
20 medical record and, if unwilling to comply with the declaration,
21 promptly so advise the declarant and any person designated to act
22 for the declarant.

23 3. A durable power of attorney for health care properly
24 executed pursuant to ~~NRS 162A.790~~ *section 33 of this act*
25 regarding the withholding or withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment
26 constitutes for the purposes of NRS 449A.400 to 449A.481,
27 inclusive, a properly executed declaration pursuant to this section.

28 **Sec. 66.** NRS 449A.524 is hereby amended to read as follows:
29 449A.524 “Health care facility” ~~[has the meaning ascribed to it~~
30 ~~in NRS 162A.740.]~~ *means any:*

- 31 1. *Medical facility as defined in NRS 449.0151; and*
32 2. *Facility for the dependent as defined in NRS 449.0045.*

33 **Sec. 67.** NRS 449A.545 is hereby amended to read as follows:
34 449A.545 “Representative of the patient” means a legal
35 guardian of the patient, a person designated by the patient to make
36 decisions governing the withholding or withdrawal of life-sustaining
37 treatment pursuant to NRS 449A.433 or a person given power of
38 attorney to make decisions concerning health care for the patient
39 pursuant to ~~NRS 162A.700 to 162A.870, inclusive.~~ *sections 3 to*
40 *56, inclusive, of this act.*

41 **Sec. 68.** NRS 449A.621 is hereby amended to read as follows:
42 449A.621 The form of an advance directive for psychiatric
43 care may be substantially in the following form, and must be
44 witnessed or executed in the same manner as the following form:



1 NOTICE TO PERSON MAKING AN ADVANCE
2 DIRECTIVE FOR PSYCHIATRIC CARE
3

4 THIS IS AN IMPORTANT LEGAL DOCUMENT. IT
5 CREATES AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE FOR
6 PSYCHIATRIC CARE. BEFORE SIGNING THIS
7 DOCUMENT YOU SHOULD KNOW THESE
8 IMPORTANT FACTS:

9 THIS DOCUMENT ALLOWS YOU TO MAKE
10 DECISIONS IN ADVANCE ABOUT CERTAIN TYPES OF
11 PSYCHIATRIC CARE. THE INSTRUCTIONS YOU
12 INCLUDE IN THIS ADVANCE DIRECTIVE WILL BE
13 FOLLOWED IF TWO PROVIDERS OF HEALTH CARE,
14 ONE OF WHOM MUST BE A PHYSICIAN OR
15 LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST AND THE OTHER OF
16 WHOM MUST BE A PHYSICIAN, A PHYSICIAN
17 ASSISTANT, A LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST, A
18 PSYCHIATRIST OR AN ADVANCED PRACTICE
19 REGISTERED NURSE WHO HAS THE PSYCHIATRIC
20 TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE PRESCRIBED BY THE
21 STATE BOARD OF NURSING PURSUANT TO NRS
22 632.120, DETERMINES THAT YOU ARE INCAPABLE
23 OF MAKING OR COMMUNICATING TREATMENT
24 DECISIONS. OTHERWISE YOU WILL BE CONSIDERED
25 CAPABLE TO GIVE OR WITHHOLD CONSENT FOR
26 THE TREATMENTS. YOUR INSTRUCTIONS MAY BE
27 OVERRIDDEN IF YOU ARE BEING HELD IN
28 ACCORDANCE WITH CIVIL COMMITMENT LAW. BY
29 EXECUTING A DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR
30 HEALTH CARE AS SET FORTH IN ~~NRS 162A.700 TO~~
31 ~~162A.870, — INCLUSIVE,]~~ **SECTIONS 3 TO 56,**
32 **INCLUSIVE, OF THIS ACT,** YOU MAY ALSO APPOINT
33 A PERSON AS YOUR AGENT TO MAKE TREATMENT
34 DECISIONS FOR YOU IF YOU BECOME INCAPABLE.
35 THIS DOCUMENT IS VALID FOR TWO YEARS FROM
36 THE DATE YOU EXECUTE IT UNLESS YOU REVOKE
37 IT. YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REVOKE THIS
38 DOCUMENT AT ANY TIME YOU HAVE NOT BEEN
39 DETERMINED TO BE INCAPABLE. YOU MAY NOT
40 REVOKE THIS ADVANCE DIRECTIVE WHEN YOU
41 ARE FOUND INCAPABLE BY TWO PROVIDERS OF
42 HEALTH CARE, ONE OF WHOM MUST BE A
43 PHYSICIAN OR LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST AND THE
44 OTHER OF WHOM MUST BE A PHYSICIAN, A
45 PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT, A LICENSED



1 PSYCHOLOGIST, A PSYCHIATRIST OR AN
2 ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE WHO
3 HAS THE PSYCHIATRIC TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE
4 PRESCRIBED BY THE STATE BOARD OF NURSING
5 PURSUANT TO NRS 632.120. A REVOCATION IS
6 EFFECTIVE WHEN IT IS COMMUNICATED TO YOUR
7 ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR OTHER HEALTH CARE
8 PROVIDER. THE PHYSICIAN OR OTHER PROVIDER
9 SHALL NOTE THE REVOCATION IN YOUR MEDICAL
10 RECORD. TO BE VALID, THIS ADVANCE DIRECTIVE
11 MUST BE SIGNED BY TWO QUALIFIED WITNESSES,
12 PERSONALLY KNOWN TO YOU, WHO ARE PRESENT
13 WHEN YOU SIGN OR ACKNOWLEDGE YOUR
14 SIGNATURE. IT MUST ALSO BE ACKNOWLEDGED
15 BEFORE A NOTARY PUBLIC.

16
17 NOTICE TO PHYSICIAN OR OTHER
18 PROVIDER OF HEALTH CARE
19

20 Under Nevada law, a person may use this advance
21 directive to provide consent or refuse to consent to future
22 psychiatric care if the person later becomes incapable of
23 making or communicating those decisions. By executing a
24 durable power of attorney for health care as set forth in ~~NRS~~
25 ~~162A.700 to 162A.870, inclusive,~~ *sections 3 to 56, inclusive,*
26 *of this act*, the person may also appoint an agent to make
27 decisions regarding psychiatric care for the person when
28 incapable. A person is “incapable” for the purposes of this
29 advance directive when in the opinion of two providers of
30 health care, one of whom must be a physician or licensed
31 psychologist and the other of whom must be a physician, a
32 physician assistant, a licensed psychologist, a psychiatrist or
33 an advanced practice registered nurse who has the psychiatric
34 training and experience prescribed by the State Board of
35 Nursing pursuant to NRS 632.120, the person currently lacks
36 sufficient understanding or capacity to make or communicate
37 decisions regarding psychiatric care. If a person is determined
38 to be incapable, the person may be found capable when, in
39 the opinion of the person’s attending physician or an
40 advanced practice registered nurse who has the psychiatric
41 training and experience prescribed by the State Board of
42 Nursing pursuant to NRS 632.120 and has an established
43 relationship with the person, the person has regained
44 sufficient understanding or capacity to make or communicate
45 decisions regarding psychiatric care. This document becomes



1 effective upon its proper execution and remains valid for a
 2 period of 2 years after the date of its execution unless
 3 revoked. Upon being presented with this advance directive,
 4 the physician or other provider of health care must make it a
 5 part of the person's medical record. The physician or other
 6 provider must act in accordance with the statements
 7 expressed in the advance directive when the person is
 8 determined to be incapable, except as otherwise provided in
 9 NRS 449A.636. The physician or other provider shall
 10 promptly notify the principal and, if applicable, the agent of
 11 the principal, and document in the principal's medical record
 12 any act or omission that is not in compliance with any part of
 13 an advance directive. A physician or other provider may rely
 14 upon the authority of a signed, witnessed, dated and notarized
 15 advance directive.

16
 17 ADVANCE DIRECTIVE FOR PSYCHIATRIC CARE

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 19 I,, being an adult of sound mind or an
 20 emancipated minor, willfully and voluntarily make this
 21 advance directive for psychiatric care to be followed if it is
 22 determined by two providers of health care, one of whom
 23 must be my attending physician or a licensed psychologist
 24 and the other of whom must be a physician, a physician
 25 assistant, a licensed psychologist, a psychiatrist or an
 26 advanced practice registered nurse who has the psychiatric
 27 training and experience prescribed by the State Board of
 28 Nursing pursuant to NRS 632.120, that my ability to receive
 29 and evaluate information effectively or communicate
 30 decisions is impaired to such an extent that I lack the capacity
 31 to refuse or consent to psychiatric care. I understand that
 32 psychiatric care may not be administered without my express
 33 and informed consent or, if I am incapable of giving my
 34 informed consent, the express and informed consent of my
 35 legally responsible person, my agent named pursuant to a
 36 valid durable power of attorney for health care or my consent
 37 expressed in this advance directive for psychiatric care. I
 38 understand that I may become incapable of giving or
 39 withholding informed consent or refusal for psychiatric care
 40 due to the symptoms of a diagnosed mental disorder. These
 41 symptoms may include:
 42



PSYCHOACTIVE MEDICATIONS

If I become incapable of giving or withholding informed consent for psychiatric care, my instructions regarding psychoactive medications are as follows: (Place initials beside choice.)

I consent to the administration of the following medications: [.....]

I do not consent to the administration of the following medications: [.....]

Conditions or limitations:

ADMISSION TO AND RETENTION IN FACILITY

If I become incapable of giving or withholding informed consent for psychiatric care, my instructions regarding admission to and retention in a medical facility for psychiatric care are as follows: (Place initials beside choice.)

I consent to being admitted to a medical facility for psychiatric care. [.....]

My facility preference is:

I do not consent to being admitted to a medical facility for psychiatric care. [.....]

This advance directive cannot, by law, provide consent to retain me in a facility beyond the specific number of days, if any, provided in this advance directive.

Conditions or limitations:

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS

These instructions shall apply during the entire length of my incapacity.

In case of a mental health crisis, please contact:

1.

Name:

Address:

Home Telephone Number:

Work Telephone Number:

Relationship to Me:



- 1 2.
- 2 Name:
- 3 Address:
- 4 Home Telephone Number:
- 5 Work Telephone Number:
- 6 Relationship to Me:
- 7 3. My physician:
- 8 Name:
- 9 Work Telephone Number:
- 10 4. My therapist or counselor:
- 11 Name:
- 12 Work Telephone Number:

13 The following may cause me to experience a mental health
14 crisis:

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16 The following may help me avoid a hospitalization:

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18 I generally react to being hospitalized as follows:

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20 Staff of the hospital or crisis unit can help me by doing the
21 following:

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23 I give permission for the following person or people to
24 visit me:

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26 Instructions concerning any other medical interventions,
27 such as electroconvulsive (ECT) treatment (commonly
28 referred to as "shock treatment"):

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30 Other instructions:

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32 I have attached an additional sheet of
33 instructions to be followed and
34 considered part of this advance
35 directive. [.....]

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37 SHARING OF INFORMATION BY PROVIDERS

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39 I understand that the information in this document may be
40 shared by my provider of mental health care with any other
41 provider who may serve me when necessary to provide
42 treatment in accordance with this advance directive.

43 Other instructions about sharing of information:

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SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL

By signing here, I indicate that I am mentally alert and competent, fully informed as to the contents of this document, and understand the full impact of having made this advance directive for psychiatric care.

Signature of Principal Date

AFFIRMATION OF WITNESSES

We affirm that the principal is personally known to us, that the principal signed or acknowledged the principal's signature on this advance directive for psychiatric care in our presence, that the principal appears to be of sound mind and not under duress, fraud, or undue influence, and that neither of us is:

- 1. A person appointed as an attorney-in-fact by this document;
2. The principal's attending physician or provider of health care or an employee of the physician or provider; or
3. The owner or operator, or employee of the owner or operator, of a medical facility in which the principal is a patient or resident.

Witnessed by:
Witness: Signature Date
Witness: Signature Date

STATE OF NEVADA
COUNTY OF

CERTIFICATION OF NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF NEVADA
COUNTY OF

I,, a Notary Public for the County cited above in the State of Nevada, hereby certify that appeared before me and swore or affirmed to me and to the witnesses in my presence that this instrument is an advance directive for psychiatric care and that he or she willingly and voluntarily made and executed it as his or her free act and deed for the purposes expressed in it.



I further certify that and
....., witnesses, appeared before me and swore
or affirmed that each witnessed sign the
attached advance directive for psychiatric care believing him
or her to be of sound mind and also swore that at the time
each witnessed the signing, each person was: (1) not the
attending physician or provider of health care, or an employee
of the physician or provider, of the principal; (2) not the
owner or operator, or employee of the owner or operator, of a
medical facility in which the principal is a patient or resident;
and (3) not a person appointed as an attorney-in-fact by the
attached advance directive for psychiatric care. I further
certify that I am satisfied as to the genuineness and due
execution of the instrument.

This is the day of,

.....

Notary Public

My Commission expires:

Sec. 69. NRS 449A.703 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449A.703 "Advance directive" means an advance directive for
health care. The term includes:

1. A declaration governing the withholding or withdrawal of
life-sustaining treatment as set forth in NRS 449A.400 to 449A.481,
inclusive;

2. A durable power of attorney for health care as set forth in
~~NRS 162A.700 to 162A.870, inclusive;~~ *sections 3 to 56, inclusive,
of this act;*

3. An advance directive for psychiatric care as set forth in NRS
449A.600 to 449A.645, inclusive;

4. A do-not-resuscitate order as defined in NRS 450B.420; and

5. A Provider Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment form as
defined in NRS 449A.542.

Sec. 70. NRS 449A.727 is hereby amended to read as follows:

449A.727 1. The provisions of NRS 449A.700 to 449A.739,
inclusive, do not require a provider of health care to inquire whether
a patient has an advance directive registered on the Registry or to
access the Registry to determine the terms of the advance directive.

2. A provider of health care who relies in good faith on the
provisions of an advance directive retrieved from the Registry is
immune from criminal and civil liability as set forth in:

(a) NRS 449A.460, if the advance directive is a declaration
governing the withholding or withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment
executed pursuant to NRS 449A.400 to 449A.481, inclusive, or a
durable power of attorney for health care executed pursuant to



1 ~~[NRS 162A.700 to 162A.870, inclusive;]~~ *sections 3 to 56, inclusive,*
2 *of this act.*

3 (b) NRS 449A.642, if the advance directive is an advance
4 directive for psychiatric care executed pursuant to NRS 449A.600 to
5 449A.645, inclusive;

6 (c) NRS 449A.500 to 449A.581, inclusive, if the advance
7 directive is a Provider Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment form; or

8 (d) NRS 450B.540, if the advance directive is a do-not-
9 resuscitate order as defined in NRS 450B.420.

10 **Sec. 71.** NRS 450B.440 is hereby amended to read as follows:

11 450B.440 "Health care facility" ~~[has the meaning ascribed to it~~
12 ~~in NRS 162A.740.]~~ *means any:*

13 1. *Medical facility as defined in NRS 449.0151; and*

14 2. *Facility for the dependent as defined in NRS 449.0045.*

15 **Sec. 72.** NRS 450B.520 is hereby amended to read as follows:

16 450B.520 Except as otherwise provided in NRS 450B.525:

17 1. A qualified patient may apply to the health authority for a
18 do-not-resuscitate identification by submitting an application on a
19 form provided by the health authority. To obtain a do-not-resuscitate
20 identification, the patient must comply with the requirements
21 prescribed by the board and sign a form which states that the patient
22 has informed each member of his or her family within the first
23 degree of consanguinity or affinity, whose whereabouts are known
24 to the patient, or if no such members are living, the patient's legal
25 guardian, if any, or if he or she has no such members living and has
26 no legal guardian, his or her caretaker, if any, of the patient's
27 decision to apply for an identification.

28 2. An application must include, without limitation:

29 (a) Certification by the patient's attending physician or attending
30 advanced practice registered nurse that the patient suffers from a
31 terminal condition;

32 (b) Certification by the patient's attending physician or
33 attending advanced practice registered nurse that the patient is
34 capable of making an informed decision or, when the patient was
35 capable of making an informed decision, that the patient:

36 (1) Executed:

37 (I) A written directive that life-resuscitating treatment be
38 withheld under certain circumstances;

39 (II) A durable power of attorney for health care pursuant
40 to ~~[NRS 162A.700 to 162A.870, inclusive;]~~ *sections 3 to 56,*
41 *inclusive, of this act;* or

42 (III) A Provider Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment
43 form pursuant to NRS 449A.500 to 449A.581, inclusive, if the form
44 provides that the patient is not to receive life-resuscitating treatment;
45 or



1 (2) Was issued a do-not-resuscitate order pursuant to
2 NRS 450B.510;

3 (c) A statement that the patient does not wish that life-
4 resuscitating treatment be undertaken in the event of a cardiac or
5 respiratory arrest;

6 (d) The name, signature and telephone number of the patient's
7 attending physician or attending advanced practice registered nurse;
8 and

9 (e) The name and signature of the patient or the agent who is
10 authorized to make health care decisions on the patient's behalf
11 pursuant to a durable power of attorney for health care decisions.

12 **Sec. 73.** NRS 451.595 is hereby amended to read as follows:

13 451.595 1. As used in this section:

14 (a) "Advance health-care directive" means a power of attorney
15 for health care or other record signed by a prospective donor, or
16 executed in the manner set forth in ~~NRS 162A.790,~~ *section 33 of*
17 *this act*, containing the prospective donor's direction concerning a
18 health-care decision for the prospective donor.

19 (b) "Declaration" means a record signed by a prospective donor,
20 or executed as set forth in NRS 449A.433, specifying the
21 circumstances under which life-sustaining treatment may be
22 withheld or withdrawn from the prospective donor. The term
23 includes a Provider Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment form
24 executed pursuant to NRS 449A.500 to 449A.581, inclusive.

25 (c) "Health-care decision" means any decision made regarding
26 the health care of the prospective donor.

27 2. If a prospective donor has a declaration or advance health-
28 care directive and the terms of the declaration or advance health-
29 care directive and the express or implied terms of the potential
30 anatomical gift are in conflict concerning the administration of
31 measures necessary to ensure the medical suitability of a part for
32 transplantation or therapy:

33 (a) The attending physician of the prospective donor shall confer
34 with the prospective donor to resolve the conflict or, if the
35 prospective donor is incapable of resolving the conflict, with:

36 (1) An agent acting under the declaration or advance health-
37 care directive of the prospective donor; or

38 (2) If an agent is not named in the declaration or advance
39 health-care directive or the agent is not reasonably available, any
40 other person authorized by law, other than by a provision of NRS
41 451.500 to 451.598, inclusive, to make a health-care decision for the
42 prospective donor.

43 (b) The conflict must be resolved as expeditiously as
44 practicable.



1 (c) Information relevant to the resolution of the conflict may be
2 obtained from the appropriate procurement organization and any
3 other person authorized to make an anatomical gift of the
4 prospective donor's body or part under NRS 451.556.

5 (d) Before the resolution of the conflict, measures necessary to
6 ensure the medical suitability of the part may not be withheld or
7 withdrawn from the prospective donor, if withholding or
8 withdrawing the measures is not medically contraindicated for the
9 appropriate treatment of the prospective donor at the end of his or
10 her life.

11 **Sec. 74.** NRS 457.020 is hereby amended to read as follows:

12 457.020 As used in this chapter, unless the context requires
13 otherwise:

14 1. "Cancer" means all malignant neoplasms, regardless of the
15 tissue of origin, including malignant lymphoma and leukemia.

16 2. "Division" means the Division of Public and Behavioral
17 Health of the Department of Health and Human Services.

18 3. "Health care facility" ~~has the meaning ascribed to it in NRS~~
19 ~~462A.740 and also includes freestanding facilities] means any:~~

20 (a) *Medical facility as defined in NRS 449.0151;*

21 (b) *Facility for the dependent as defined in NRS 449.0045; and*

22 (c) *Freestanding facility* for plastic reconstructive, oral and
23 maxillofacial surgery.

24 4. "Other treatment facility" means a facility, other than a
25 health care facility, that provides services to patients with cancer
26 and other neoplasms, including, without limitation, screening,
27 diagnosis and treatment.

28 5. "Provider of health care" has the meaning ascribed to it in
29 NRS 629.031.

30 **Sec. 75.** NRS 631.313 is hereby amended to read as follows:

31 631.313 1. Except as otherwise provided in NRS 454.217
32 and 629.086, a licensed dentist may assign to a person in his or her
33 employ who is a dental hygienist, dental therapist, dental assistant or
34 other person directly or indirectly involved in the provision of dental
35 care only such intraoral tasks as may be permitted by a regulation of
36 the Board or by the provisions of this chapter.

37 2. The performance of these tasks must be:

38 (a) If performed by a dental assistant or a person, other than a
39 dental hygienist or dental therapist, who is directly or indirectly
40 involved in the provision of dental care, under the supervision of the
41 licensed dentist who made the assignment.

42 (b) If performed by a dental hygienist or dental therapist,
43 authorized by the licensed dentist of the patient for whom the tasks
44 will be performed, except as otherwise provided in NRS 631.287.

45 3. No such assignment is permitted that requires:



1 (a) The diagnosis, treatment planning, prescribing of drugs or
2 medicaments, or authorizing the use of restorative, prosthodontic or
3 orthodontic appliances.

4 (b) Surgery on hard or soft tissues within the oral cavity or any
5 other intraoral procedure that may contribute to or result in an
6 irremediable alteration of the oral anatomy.

7 (c) The administration of general anesthesia, minimal sedation,
8 moderate sedation or deep sedation except as otherwise authorized
9 by regulations adopted by the Board.

10 (d) The performance of a task outside the authorized scope of
11 practice of the employee who is being assigned the task.

12 4. A dental hygienist may, pursuant to regulations adopted by
13 the Board, administer local anesthesia or nitrous oxide in a health
14 care facility ~~[, as defined in NRS 162A.740.]~~ if:

15 (a) The dental hygienist is so authorized by the licensed dentist
16 of the patient to whom the local anesthesia or nitrous oxide is
17 administered; and

18 (b) The health care facility has licensed medical personnel and
19 necessary emergency supplies and equipment available when the
20 local anesthesia or nitrous oxide is administered.

21 **5. As used in this section, "health care facility" means any:**

22 **(a) Medical facility as defined in NRS 449.0151; and**

23 **(b) Facility for the dependent as defined in NRS 449.0045.**

24 **Sec. 76.** NRS 639.0155 is hereby amended to read as follows:

25 639.0155 **1.** "Wholesale distribution" means the distribution
26 of drugs to persons other than consumers or patients, but does not
27 include:

28 ~~[(1)]~~ **(a)** Sales within a company.

29 ~~[(2)]~~ **(b)** The purchase or other acquisition of a drug by a health
30 care facility or a pharmacy that is a member of a purchasing
31 organization.

32 ~~[(3)]~~ **(c)** The sale, purchase or trade of a drug or an offer to sell,
33 purchase or trade a drug:

34 ~~[(a)]~~ **(1)** By a charitable organization, as defined by section
35 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, 26 U.S.C. §
36 501(c)(3), to a nonprofit affiliate of the organization.

37 ~~[(b)]~~ **(2)** Between health care facilities or pharmacies that are
38 under common control.

39 ~~[(c)]~~ **(3)** For emergency medical reasons.

40 ~~[(d)]~~ **(4)** Pursuant to a prescription.

41 ~~[(4)]~~ **(d)** A transfer of drugs, in an amount not to exceed 5
42 percent of the total annual sales, by a retail pharmacy to another
43 retail pharmacy to alleviate a temporary shortage.

44 ~~[(5)]~~ **(e)** The distribution of drug samples by a representative of
45 the manufacturer or distributor.



1 ~~[6.]~~ (f) The sale, purchase or exchange of blood or blood
2 components for transfusions.

3 ~~[7.]~~ 2. As used in this section, "health care facility" ~~[has the~~
4 ~~meaning ascribed to it in NRS 162A.740.]~~ means any:

5 (a) *Medical facility as defined in NRS 449.0151; and*

6 (b) *Facility for the dependent as defined in NRS 449.0045.*

7 **Sec. 77.** 1. The provisions of this act apply to an advance
8 health-care directive created before, on or after January 1, 2024.

9 2. An advance health-care directive created before January 1,
10 2024, is valid if it complies with the provisions of this act or
11 complied at the time of creation with the law of the state in which it
12 was created.

13 3. The provisions of this act do not affect the validity or effect
14 of an act done before January 1, 2024.

15 4. An individual who assumed authority to act as a default
16 surrogate before January 1, 2024, may continue to act as a default
17 surrogate until the individual for whom the default surrogate is
18 acting no longer lacks capacity or the default surrogate is
19 disqualified, whichever occurs first.

20 5. An advance health-care directive created before, on or after
21 January 1, 2024, must be interpreted in accordance with the law of
22 this State, excluding the State's choice-of-law rules, at the time the
23 directive is implemented.

24 **Sec. 78.** NRS 162A.700, 162A.710, 162A.720, 162A.730,
25 162A.740, 162A.745, 162A.750, 162A.760, 162A.770, 162A.780,
26 162A.790, 162A.800, 162A.810, 162A.815, 162A.820, 162A.830,
27 162A.840, 162A.850, 162A.860, 162A.865 and 162A.870 are
28 hereby repealed.

29 **Sec. 79.** This act becomes effective on January 1, 2024.

LEADLINES OF REPEALED SECTIONS

162A.700 Applicability.

162A.710 Definitions.

162A.720 "Attending physician" defined.

162A.730 "Declaration" defined.

162A.740 "Health care facility" defined.

162A.745 "Intellectual disability" defined.

162A.750 "Life-sustaining treatment" defined.

162A.760 "Provider of health care" defined.

162A.770 "Qualified patient" defined.

162A.780 "Terminal condition" defined.



162A.790 Execution of power of attorney; acknowledgment; witnesses; certification of competency required for certain principals; validity of power of attorney executed outside this State.

162A.800 Nomination of guardian of person; relation of agent to court-appointed guardian; duties of guardian.

162A.810 Time at which power of attorney is effective.

162A.815 Acceptance and reliance upon acknowledged power of attorney.

162A.820 Termination of power of attorney or authority of agent.

162A.830 Co-agents and successor agents.

162A.840 Persons not eligible for designation as agent.

162A.850 Agents: Prohibited acts; decisions concerning use or nonuse of life-sustaining treatment.

162A.860 Power of attorney: Form.

162A.865 Power of attorney for adult with intellectual disability: Form.

162A.870 Power of attorney for adult with dementia: Form.

