

Advance Directive Tips

Attached is the document, *“Start the Conversation: Making your healthcare wishes known - Advance Directives and Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care.”*

If you already have a **legal** Advance Directive, there is no need to complete the attached document. Rather, we ask that you please provide a **copy** of your existing legal document to your social worker who will then send it for scanning into your medical record.

If you do **not** already have a legal Advance Directive, Living Will, or Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care (DPOA-HC), we encourage you to complete the attached document.

- A notary is not necessary however, the **signatures below are required** for the document to be legally binding:
 1. Page 13 - Patient signature
 2. Page 14 - Patient full name and date of birth
 3. Page 16 - Patient signature and two witness signatures
***Important note:** Witnesses **cannot** be family members, your identified patient advocates or members of your healthcare team*
 4. Page 17 - Advocate signature(s)
- Once the document is complete with signatures, please **keep the original and provide a copy of pages 8-17 (only) to your social worker.**
- **Note:** To be sure you have completed the document in its entirety, please refer to the “Advance Directives Final Checklist” sheet found after page 17.

If you have any additional questions, feel free to contact your social worker.

Sincerely,

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