

Pennsylvania Advance Health Care Directive

There is no better gift to give the people you care about than providing them clear directions regarding your medical care, should you become unable to speak for yourself. During times of good health, thinking about advanced directives can give you clarity and comfort in your decisions.

Pennsylvania Advance Health Care Directive is an easy to read document that helps you to clearly communicate your medical preferences when it matters most. Who will speak for you if you are unable? What type of treatment do you want? What is not acceptable treatment? Your decision on organ donation and any other important information you'd like your loved ones to know.

The form has three parts:

1. Choose a medical decision maker when you are too sick to make them yourself
2. Make your own choices about the kind of healthcare you want
3. Signature and witness page

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This form lets you have a say about how you want to be treated if you get very sick.

This form has 3 parts. It lets you:

Part 1: Choose a medical decision maker.
A medical decision maker is a person who can make health care decisions for you if you are too sick to make them yourself.

Part 2: Make your own health care choices.
This form lets you choose the kind of health care you want. This way, those who care for you will not have to guess what you want if you are too sick to tell them yourself.

Part 3: Sign the form.
It must be signed before it can be used.

You can fill out Part 1, Part 2, or both.
Fill out only the parts you want. Always sign the form in Part 3.
2 witnesses need to sign on page 11.

YOUR NAME: _____

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If you would like to speak with someone regarding preparing Advance Directives, please ask to speak with one of our Social Workers.



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Completing PA Advance Health Care Directive is a gift to your family, friends and your doctor because it keeps them out of the difficult position of having to guess what kind of treatment you want or don't want.