



## NOTICE REGARDING ADVANCE DIRECTIVE POLICY

The Center requires the following notice to be signed by each patient in order to be in compliance with the Patient Self-Determination Act and State law.

An Advance Directive is a document or documentation allowing a person to give direction about future medical care or to designate another person to make medical decisions if the individual loses decision-making capability. Patients are not required to have an Advance Directive in order to receive treatment at the Center.

There are many types of Advance Directions, but the two most common forms are:

**Living Wills**—instructions explaining wishes regarding health care should the individual be unable to make decisions.

**Durable Power of Attorney**—a signed, dated, and witnessed document naming another person as an individual's agent or proxy to make medical decisions for that individual should they become unable to make decisions.

The type of Advance Directive that may apply to the center are called "requests to forego resuscitative measures" or "do not resuscitate orders (collectively referred to as a DNR)". A DNR order is typically used by terminally ill patients who do not want to be resuscitated should they suffer a cardiac or respiratory arrest or other life-threatening situation.

As an elective, non-emergent health care provider, it is our policy, regardless of the contents of any Advanced Directive or instructions from a health care surrogate or attorney-in-fact, that if an adverse event occurs during your treatment at this facility, we will initiate resuscitative and/or stabilizing measures and transfer you to an acute care hospital for further evaluation. The receiving hospital will conduct or withhold further treatments in accordance to your Advanced Directive or health care Power of Attorney.