

## ADVANCE DIRECTIVE

Louisiana laws uphold the fundamental rights of all adult persons to control the decisions relating to life sustaining procedures and end of life health care.

This facility will provide Advance Directive information to every patient at check in. However, the formulating of an Advance Directive should be discussed with your family, spiritual advisor, legal counsel and/or primary care provider.

Employees of this facility may not serve as witness for execution of an Advance Directive.

**ADVANCE DIRECTIVE:** A document in which a person states choices for medical treatment or designates someone to make those choices for them if they lose decision making capacity.

**Living Will:** The witnessed document authorizing withholding or withdrawal of treatment in the event that the patient should become terminally or irreversibly ill and no longer competent are able to participate in the decision making process.

**Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care:** The patient names an individual to make health care decisions for them in the event they become terminally or irreversibly ill and no longer competent are able to participate in the decision making process.

**NOTE:** If you provide a copy of the Advance Directive to this facility it will be noted in the medical record. However, the directive will not be honored unless specific direction is given by the provider.

**POLICY:** Company policy mandates that if a patient seeks treatment in an urgent care facility and an emergency situation arises, trained clinical staff with begin cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and emergency medical services will be notified for transport to an Emergency Department. The provider on duty will determine if CPR will be discontinued based on their medical decision making process.

**If you would like more information on Advance Directives please contact your primary care provider. Information can also be obtained from [www.familydoctor.org](http://www.familydoctor.org) or Louisiana State Legislature R.S. 40:1299.58.**

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## RESOLVING BARRIERS OF COMMUNICATION AND INSTRUCTION

The facility will provide resources to resolve barriers to effective communication or educational instruction that may prevent understanding information about your health status, treatment, or the informed decision making process. Barriers may include foreign language, hearing or speech impairment, difficulty with reading or writing or inability to comprehend verbal instruction.

**Foreign Language:** International Translation Bureau 225-766-0234

**Sign Language:** Sign Language Services International 225-273-3396

**Literacy:** Louisiana Literacy resource Center 1-877-453-2721