

Making Decisions About Your Health Care

Policy & Form Cross-Reference

Form Title: Making Decisions About Your Health Care

Policy #: 2.2 / 2.6 equiv.

Policy Name: Client/Patient Rights Regarding Advance Directives

ACHC DRX Reference: DRX2-2A / DRX2-6A

CMS Standard: CMS beneficiary rights framework; Patient Self-Determination Act — right to formulate an Advance Directive under state law, if applicable

Accrediting Organization: ACHC

You have the right to make decisions about your own health care, including the right to accept or refuse any treatment, service, or piece of equipment. This document provides general information — it is not legal advice.

YOUR RIGHT TO DECIDE

You may refuse care or treatment after the consequences of that decision have been fully explained to you. Your decision will be respected and documented in your record. Refusing a service does not affect your right to receive other care you do request.

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

An Advance Directive is a legal document that lets you state your health care wishes in advance, in case you become unable to communicate them yourself. Common types include:

- A Living Will — states what medical treatments you do or don't want in specific situations
- A Health Care Power of Attorney (or Health Care Proxy) — names someone you trust to make medical decisions on your behalf if you're unable to

Advance Directive laws vary by state. If you'd like to create or update an Advance Directive, we recommend speaking with an attorney or your physician, or contacting your state's department of health for state-specific forms.

IF YOU ALREADY HAVE AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE

Please provide A Plus Medical with a copy so it can be kept in your record, and make sure your family and physician also have copies.

QUESTIONS?

If you have questions about your rights or how to formulate an Advance Directive, contact A Plus Medical at 458-225-9988, and we can point you toward the right resources.

