

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

Aging Well in Eagle County

FEDERAL LAW requires that you must be given information on advance directives at the time that you are admitted to any medical facility.



HOWEVER, it is considerably easier to have thought through these important decisions and written out your advance directives ahead of time.

You are NOT REQUIRED to have advance directives in order to receive care, treatment, or admission...

But in doing so, you assure that you will receive the care that you desire.

Some forms for advance directives are specific for individual states. You may need to complete separate forms if you spend a lot of time in a different state.



Forms are available at any medical facility and at your doctor's office.

Review your advance directives every few years to make sure your decisions are current.



Keep a copy of your advance directives in your RED BINDER.

Take copies whenever you visit a medical facility.

Give a copy to your primary care physician.

Discuss your decisions with your family and give them a copy.



YOU HAVE A RIGHT TO:

- Informed Consent
- Make your wishes concerning medical treatment known
- Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment
- Appoint a Medical Durable Power of Attorney, a Guardian, and a Proxy Decision Maker
- Accept or Refuse Medical Treatment
- Appoint a Decision Maker
- Organ and Tissue Donation



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