

# LIVING WILL & APPOINTMENT OF HEALTHCARE SURROGATE

I, \_\_\_\_\_, want to choose how I will be treated by my physicians and other healthcare providers. If there comes a time when I am unable to communicate or make my own healthcare decisions because of illness or injury, I direct my physicians, my healthcare surrogate, and my family to honor this living will.

## **Part 1 – Appoint a Healthcare Surrogate**

In the event I am unable to communicate or I am incapable of making decisions about receiving, withholding, or withdrawing medical procedures or other treatments, I designate my healthcare surrogate to make choices for me according to his/her understanding of my wishes and values.

<b>My Appointed Healthcare Surrogate is:</b>	
Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	Alt. Phone:

<b>If my surrogate is unable or unwilling then my next choice (Alternate Surrogate) is:</b>	
Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	Alt. Phone:

## **Part 2 – Indicate Your Wishes**

I understand that this living will only becomes effective when I am no longer able to communicate or when I am not capable of making my healthcare decisions. When two physicians have determined that I have one of the following:

- a terminal or end-stage condition, and there is little or no chance of recovery
- a condition of permanent and irreversible unconsciousness, such as coma or vegetative state
- an irreversible and severe mental or physical illness that prevents me from communicating with others, recognizing my family and friends, or caring for myself in any way

then I want my doctors and others to provide comfort (palliative) care including relief of all physical pain, suffocation and mental anguish. If I develop one of the above conditions, my treatment choices are:

My Specific Choices if I have one of the above conditions	Yes I Want	No I Do Not Want
	<i>Circle Yes or No</i>	
Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) if my heart or breathing stops	Yes	No
A breathing machine if I am unable to breathe on my own	Yes	No
Nutrition and fluids through tubes in my veins, nose or stomach	Yes	No
Kidney dialysis, a pacemaker or defibrillator, or other such machines	Yes	No
Surgery or admission to a hospital Intensive Care Unit	Yes	No
Medications that can prolong my dying, such as antibiotics	Yes	No
I want Hospice involved in my care at the earliest opportunity	Yes	No

If a medical decision has to be made for me and my decision is not indicated above, I want my healthcare surrogate to make and communicate these decisions for me.

**Other Information (optional):**

Quality of life is important to me. These are the things that give my life quality:

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**Part 3 – Make It Legal**

I fully understand the meaning of this declaration, I am emotionally and mentally competent to make this declaration, and have given this declaration careful consideration.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Witness 1: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of witness 1

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Witness 2: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of witness 2

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Your healthcare surrogate(s) can not serve as a witness to this living will.  
At least one witness must be someone other than your spouse or a blood relative.



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