

## **NOTICE TO PERSON MAKING A DECLARATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT**

This is an important legal document. It creates a declaration for mental health treatment. Before you sign this document, you should know these important facts:

1. This document allows you to make decisions in advance about 3 types of mental health treatment: psychotropic medication, electroconvulsive therapy, and short term (up to 17 days) admission to a treatment facility.
2. The instructions that you include in this declaration will be followed only if two (2) physicians or the court believes that you are incapable of making treatment decisions. Otherwise, you will be considered capable to give or withhold consent for the treatments.
3. You may also appoint a person as your attorney in fact to make these treatment decisions for you if you become incapable. The person you appoint has a duty to act consistent with your desires as stated in this document or, if your desires are not stated or otherwise made known to the attorney in fact, to act in a manner consistent with what the person in good faith believes to be in your best interest. For the appointment to be effective, the person you appoint must accept the appointment in writing. The person also has the right to withdraw from acting as your attorney in fact at any time.
4. This document will continue in effect for a period of three (3) years unless you become incapable of participating in mental health treatment decisions. If this occurs, the directive will continue in effect until you are no longer incapable.
5. You have the right to revoke this document in whole or in part at any time you have been determined by a physician to be capable of giving or withholding informed consent for mental health treatment. A revocation is effective when it is communicated to your attending physician in writing and is signed by you and a physician. The revocation may be in a form similar to the following:

\_\_\_\_\_ Initials

## DECLARATION FOR MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [Full Legal Name] , being an adult over the age of 18 and of sound mind, willfully and voluntarily make this declaration for mental health treatment to be followed if it is determined by two (2) physicians or the court that my ability to receive and evaluate information effectively or communicate decisions is impaired to such an extent that I lack the capacity to refuse or consent to mental health treatment.

"Mental health treatment" means treatment of mental illness with psychotropic medication, electroconvulsive treatment and admission to and retention in a healthcare facility for a period up to 17 days.

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Initials I understand that I may become incapable of giving or withholding informed consent for mental health treatment due to the symptoms of a diagnosed mental health disorder. These symptoms may include:

- Alzheimer's
- Dementia
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_ [Describe Condition]

### PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS

If I become incapable of giving or withholding informed consent for mental health treatment, my wishes regarding psychotropic medications are as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Initials I consent to the administration of the following medications:

- Any psychotropic drug necessary for the treatment of *Alzheimer's* disease as prescribed and recommended by my physician.
- Any psychotropic drug necessary for the treatment of *dementia* as prescribed and recommended by my physician.
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Initials I do not consent to the administration of the following medications:

- \_\_\_\_\_ [List Each Drug]
- \_\_\_\_\_ [List Each Drug]
- \_\_\_\_\_ [List Each Drug]

**MENTAL HEALTH DECLARATION  
ADMISSION TO AND RETENTION IN FACILITY**

If I become incapable of giving or withholding informed consent for mental health treatment, my wishes regarding admission to and retention in a healthcare facility for mental health treatment are as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ I consent to being admitted to a healthcare facility for mental health treatment.  
Initials

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not consent to being admitted to a healthcare facility for mental health  
Initials treatment.

This directive cannot, by law, provide consent to retain me in a facility for more than 17 days.

Conditions or limitations: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**SELECTION OF PHYSICIAN  
(OPTIONAL)**

If it becomes necessary to determine if I have become incapable of giving or withholding informed consent for mental health treatment, I choose:

Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ [Full Name] of \_\_\_\_\_ [City], \_\_\_\_\_ [State]  
to be one of the two (2) physicians who will determine whether I am incapable. If that physician is unavailable, that physician's designee shall determine whether I am incapable.

**ADDITIONAL REFERENCES OR INSTRUCTIONS**

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Conditions or limitations: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**MENTAL HEALTH DECLARATION  
ATTORNEY IN FACT AND AGENT**

I hereby appoint:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

CELL # \_\_\_\_\_

to act as my attorney in fact and Agent to make decisions regarding my mental health treatment if I become incapable of giving or withholding informed consent for that treatment.

**SUCCESSOR ATTORNEY-IN-FACT AND AGENT**

If the person named above refuses or is unable to act on my behalf, or if I revoke that person's authority to act as my attorney in fact and agent, I authorize the following person to act as my attorney-in-fact:

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

CELL #: \_\_\_\_\_

My attorney in fact is authorized to make decisions that are consistent with the wishes I have expressed in this declaration or, if not expressed, as are otherwise known to my attorney in fact. If my wishes are not expressed and are not otherwise known by my attorney-in-act, my attorney-in-fact is to act in what he or she believes to be my best interest.

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PRINCIPAL

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

**MENTAL HEALTH DECLARATION  
AFFIRMATION OF WITNESSES**

We affirm that the principal is personally known to us, that the principal signed or acknowledged the principal's signature on this declaration for mental health treatment in our presence, that the principal appears to be of sound mind and not under duress, fraud or undue influence, that neither of us is:

1. A person appointed as an attorney-in-fact by this document;
2. The principal's attending physician or mental health service provider or a relative of the physician or provider;
3. The owner, operator, or relative of an owner or operator of a facility in which the principal is a patient or resident; or
4. A person related to the principal by blood, marriage or adoption.

Witnessed By:

Signature of Witness	Printed Name of Witness	Date
Signature of Witness	Printed Name of Witness	Date

**ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AS ATTORNEY-IN-FACT**

I accept this appointment and agree to serve as attorney-in-fact to make decisions about mental health treatment for the principal. I understand that I have a duty to act consistent with the desires of the principal as expressed in this appointment. I understand that this document gives me authority to make decisions about mental health treatment only while the principal is incapable as determined by a court or 2 physicians. I understand that the principal may revoke this declaration in whole or in part at any time and in any manner when the principal is not incapable.

Signature of Attorney-In-Fact	Printed Name	Date
Signature of Witness	Printed Name	Date

## REVOCATION OF MENTAL HEALTH DECLARATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_ [Full Name] willfully and voluntarily revoke my declaration for mental health treatment as indicated:

- I revoke my entire declaration.
- I revoke the following portion of my declaration

\_\_\_\_\_

Date this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ [Month], 20\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Principal

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

I, Dr. \_\_\_\_\_ [Full Name] having evaluated the principal and determined that he or she is capable of giving or withholding informed consent for mental health treatment.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Physician

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If there is anything in this document that you do not understand, you should ask a lawyer to explain it to you. This declaration will not be valid unless it is signed by 2 qualified witnesses who are personally known to you and who are present when you sign or acknowledge your signature. Please put your initials on the following line to indicate that you have read this Notice.

\_\_\_\_\_ Initials