Indiana Health Care Representative

A Health Care Representative is a person chosen by you to make health care decisions, including end-of-life decisions, if you are unable to make your own. It is a good idea to talk with this person about your preferences ahead of time. A doctor will determine if you are unable to make your own decisions.

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My name (Full Legal Name-also known as "declarant") Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)

My Health Care Representative can make decisions for me if I cannot make and share my own health care decisions. My Health Care Representative must follow my wishes and values. My values include my ideas about dignity and quality of life. If my Health Care Representative does not know my wishes, my Health Care Representative must act in good faith and make decisions in my best interests. These decisions include, but are not limited to:

-Agreeing to medical treatment -Refusing medical treatment

-Stopping medical treatment -Arranging comfort care

I want the following person to be my Health Care Representative:

Health Care Representative Name:_____

Health Care Representative Phone Number:_____

If my primary Health Care Representative named above is not able or available to act for me, I want the following person to be my backup Health Care Representative:

Backup Health Care Representative Name:_____

Backup Health Care Representative Phone Number:_____

OPTIONAL STATEMENT OF PREFERENCES:

I would like to provide some additional guidance for my Health Care Representative on my end-of-life preferences. (Please initial only one option below).

_____ The ***quality of my life*** is more important than the length of my life. If I am unable to make my own decisions and my attending physician believes that I will not recover, I do not want treatments to prolong my life or delay my death. Instead, I would want treatment or care to make me comfortable and relieve me of pain.

_____ ***Staying alive*** is more important to me, no matter how sick I am or how unlikely my chances for recovery are. I want my life to be prolonged to the greatest extent possible, in accordance with reasonable medical standards.

_____ I choose to NOT complete this section at this time.

Declarant Name:_____

REQUIRED SIGNATURES:

By signing this form, I cancel and revoke every health care power of attorney I signed in the past.

_____ _____

Signature (Declarant) Date and Time

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Printed Name (Declarant)

This form must either be signed by 2 adult witnesses (below left) or notarized (below right) to be legally valid.

SIGNATURE OF 2 ADULT WITNESSES

Each of the undersigned witnesses confirms that he or she has received satisfactory proof of the identity of the Declarant and is satisfied that the Declarant is of sound mind and has the capacity to sign the above Advance Directive. **At least one of the witnesses is not a spouse or other relative of the Declarant.**

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Signature of Adult Witness 1

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Printed Name of Adult Witness 1

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Date

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Signature of Adult Witness 2

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Printed Name of Adult Witness 2

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Date

_____ Initial here if the witnesses participated by phone

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See www.INadvancedirectives.org for more information.

NOTARIZATION

STATE OF INDIANA)

) SS:

COUNTY OF _____)

Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared _____ [name of signing Declarant], who acknowledged the execution of the foregoing Advance Directive as his or her voluntary act, and who, having been duly sworn, stated that any representations therein are true.

Witness my hand and Notarial Seal on this _____ day of _____, 20_____

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Signature of Notary Public

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Notary's Printed Name (if not on seal)

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Commission Number (if not on seal)

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Commission Expires (if not on seal)

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Notary's County of Residence

PATIENT LABEL

OR

Patient Name:_____

DOB:_____/_____/_____

MR #: _____