

Advance Care Planning

Purpose: To ensure that the clinical care of individuals in long term care is consistent with the person's preferences and values, particularly when the individual is unable to participate in the decision-making process.

***Decisions:** Medical Power of Attorney
Directive to Physicians and Family or Surrogates
Out-of-Hospital Do-Not-Resuscitate
Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Wishes
Artificial Respiration Wishes
Artificial Nutrition and Hydration Wishes
Palliative Care Wishes

****Protocol:** Provide: **The individual** or the individual's representative with a copy of:

- (1) The DADS Advance Care Planning educational material, "Frequently Asked Questions about Advance Care Planning"
- (2) The individual's rights under Texas law to make decisions concerning medical care and to formulate advance directives
- (3) The facility's policies respecting the implementation of advance directives

Provide: **The staff and community:**

Education concerning advance directives

Provide: **The physician, emergency staff and hospital:**

Information relating to the individual's known existing advance directives

Discuss: **Orally** review and discuss the information listed above

Document: In the individual's clinical record:

- (1) The oral discussion
- (2) The provision of the written information

Review:

- (1) Within fourteen days after person's admission
- (2) Annually
- (3) A significant change in the person's medical condition

References: *TexasQualityMatters.org
** Nursing Facility Requirements for Licensure and Medicaid Certification Handbook – Section 19.419

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