

Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities

POLICY

Policy #: 01-ALL-ALL-0087 Subject: Advanced Directives
(Including Living Will and Durable Power
of Attorneys for Health Care)

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Person Responsible: Superintendent

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Superintendent, WCBDD Date Board President, WCBDD Date

The following definitions will apply:

DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTH CARE - A lasting written statement legally authorizing one person to act for another in regard to health issues.

LIVING WILL DECLARATION - A written statement legally and formally expressing a person's wishes regarding the treatment of his/her body while he/she remains alive but is unable to make decisions regarding his/her medical treatment.

COMPETENT ADULT - A person who is 18 years of age or older and who is able to make decisions regarding their own care and management.

HEALTH CARE - Any care, treatment, service, or procedure to maintain, diagnosis, or treat an individual's physical or mental condition.

HEALTH CARE DECISIONS - Informed consent, refusal to give informed consent, or withdrawal of informed consent to health care.

It is the policy of the Wood County Board of Developmental Disabilities to recognize in accordance with Ohio Revised Code Section 1337 that all competent adults have the right to request or refuse certain health care in advance of a time when he/she is unable to make these decisions for himself/herself. The Superintendent shall ensure that procedures are developed and implemented which safeguard the individual's right to accept or decline health care with some measure of dignity. No employee shall be named DPOA for an individual receiving services.

References: O.R.C. Chapter 1337.01-1337.20
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