



Common Errors on Advance Directive and POST Forms Submitted to the WV e-Directive Registry

The WV e-Directive Registry is off to a good start with over 75 advance directives and POST forms being submitted for inclusion in the first week. The purpose of the Registry is to ensure that a patient's wishes and medical orders regarding life-sustaining treatment are available in a medical crisis. The anticipated "go live" date for the Registry is late 2011.

We have identified some common errors that will prevent advance directive and POST forms from being included in the Registry.

The Opt-In box indicating that the person is giving permission for the form to be included in the Registry and information released to health care providers must be INITIALED and not marked with an X or check mark. This is the case unless the person can't write his or her name and makes a mark for their signature and the mark is witnessed and signed by two witnesses.

The box in the upper right corner asking for demographic information must be filled out COMPLETELY. Printing is preferred.

For advance directives, the date the form was completed on the first page must be the same date as that for the witnesses and notary signature. The person completing the advance directive should not sign his/her name except in the presence of the notary.

POST forms – Include the doctor's first and last name so that it can be verified that the physician is a licensed WV physician.

POST forms – If the person indicates on the back of the POST form that he/she has an advance directive such as a living will or medical power of attorney, these forms should also be sent to the Registry along with the POST form so that all the forms for a person are available in the Registry.

Advance directive forms (living wills, medical powers of attorney, and combined forms) can be downloaded from the WV Center for End-of-Life Care website at www.wvendoflife.org and FAXed to the Registry at 304-293-7442. Health care providers can obtain POST forms for their patients by calling the Center at 877-209-8086 or completing the online request form at <http://www.hsc.wvu.edu/chel/wvi/request.html>.

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