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ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM

Background

In accordance with California Probate Code 4600 et seq. and Federal requirements under Title 42, clients 18 years of age and older shall receive information about Advance Health Care Directives and be informed of their right to make decisions about their medical treatment.

To Be Completed by Staff

The client was given a copy of the Advance Health Care Directive Fact Sheet at the first face-to-face contact or clinic visit. ☐ Yes ☐ No

If "No" please explain why the client was not given the Fact Sheet:

Does the client have an Advance Health Care Directive currently in place? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If the client would like to execute an Advance Health Care Directive, please refer them to the resources identified on the Fact Sheet. If a client already has an Advance Health Care Directive, insert a copy into the client's Clinical Record in Section 2 (Consents and Notices).

To Be Completed by the Client/Responsible Adult*

I have been asked about having an Advance Health Care Directive, and I have been given or offered an Advance Health Care Directive Fact Sheet.

Signature of Client Date

Date

Signature of Responsible Adult*

Relationship to Client

Date

Signature of Witness/Interpreter **

Date

This Form was interpreted in _____ for the client and/or responsible adult.

If a translated version of this Form was signed by the client and/or responsible adult, the translated version must be attached to the English version.

Signator ☐ was given ☐ declined a copy of this Form on _____ (Date) by _____ (Initials).

* Responsible Adult = Guardian, Conservator, or Parent of minor when required.

** Witness/Interpreter = Person who either witnessed the signing of the form (may be staff or other person) or the person who interpreted this form into another language for the client (must include the language it was interpreted into).

Name: RID#:

Agency: Provider Site:

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What is an Advance Health Care Directive?

An Advance Directive is a legal document that allows an individual to state in advance their wishes should they become unable to make healthcare decisions.

In California, an Advance Directive consists of two parts:

(1) appointment of an agent for healthcare; and (2) individual health care instructions.

What can an Advanced Health Care Directive do for a person with psychiatric disability?

- It allows you to make treatment choices now in the event you need mental health treatment in the future. You can tell your doctor, institution, provider, treatment facility, and judge what types of treatment you do and do not want.
- You can select a friend or family member to make mental health care decisions, if you cannot make them for yourself.
- It can improve communications between you and your physician.
- It may reduce the need for long hospital stays.
- It becomes a part of your medical record.

Who can fill out an Advance Health Care Directive?

Any person 18 years or older who has the "capacity" to make health care decisions. "Capacity" means the person understands the nature and consequences of the proposed healthcare, including the risks and benefits.

When does an Advance Health Care Directive go into effect?

An Advance Health Care Directive goes into effect when the person's primary physician decides the person does not have the "capacity" to make their own healthcare decisions. This means the individual is unable to understand the nature and consequences of the proposed healthcare. **The fact that a person has been admitted into a psychiatric facility does not mean the person lacks "capacity."**

How long is an Advance Health Care Directive in effect?

In California, an Advance Health Care Directive is indefinite. You can change your mind at any time, as long as you have the "capacity" to make decisions. It is a good idea to review your Advance Health Care Directive yearly to make sure your wishes are stated.

Do I have to have an Advance Health Care Directive?

No. It is just a way of making your wishes known in writing, while you are capable. Your choices are important.

Where do I get legal advice about an Advance Health Care Directive?

- Your Attorney
- Protection and Advocacy, Inc.

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- Your Attorney
- Stationary Stores
- Mental Health America of Los Angeles (213) 413-1130, Ext. 26

Who should have a copy of the Advance Health Care Directive?

- You (Your Advance Health Care Directive should be kept in a safe place, but easily accessible.)
- Your agent (the person designated to make health care decisions if you are unable to do so.)
- Each of your health care providers;
- Each of your mental health providers.

It is important that you keep track of who has a copy of your Advance Health Care Directive in case you make changes in the document.