



**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
LIVING WILL**

Living will made this _____ day of _____ (month, year)

I, _____, being of sound mind, willfully and voluntarily declare that in the absence of my ability to give directions regarding the use of life-prolonging intervention, it is my desire that my dying shall not be artificially prolonged under the following circumstances:

If at any time I should be certified by two physicians who have personally examined me, one of whom is my attending physician, to have a terminal condition or to be in a persistent vegetative state, I direct that life-prolonging intervention that would serve solely to artificially prolong the dying process or maintain me in a persistent vegetative state be withheld or withdrawn, and that I be permitted to die naturally with only the administration of medication or the performance of any other medical procedure deemed necessary to keep me comfortable and alleviate pain.

SPECIAL DIRECTIVES OR LIMITATIONS ON THIS DECLARATION: (If none, write "none") _____

It is my intention that this living will be honored as the final expression of my legal right to refuse medical or surgical treatment and accept the consequences resulting from such refusal.

I understand the full import of this living will.

Signed _____

Address _____

I did not sign the declarant's signature above for or at the direction of the declarant. I am at least eighteen years of age and am not related to the declarant by blood or marriage, entitled to any portion of the estate of the declarant according to the laws of intestate succession of the state of the declarant's domicile or to the best of my knowledge under any will of declarant or codicil thereto, or directly financially responsible for declarant's medical care. I am not the declarant's health care representative, proxy or successor health care representative under a medical power of attorney.



Witness _____

Address _____

Witness _____

Address _____

STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____
(date) by the declarant and by the two witnesses whose signatures appear above.

My commission expires: _____

(Signature of Notary Public)



**STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
MEDICAL POWER OF ATTORNEY**

Dated: _____, 20 _____

I, _____
(insert your name and address)

hereby appoint _____

(insert the name, address, area code, and telephone number of the person you wish to designate as your representative)

as my representative to act on my behalf to give, withhold or withdraw informed consent to health care decisions in the event that I am not able to do so myself. If my representative is unable, unwilling or disqualified to serve, then I appoint _____

(insert the name, address, area code, and telephone number of the person you wish to designate as your representative)

as my successor representative.

This appointment shall extend to (but not be limited to) decisions relating to medical treatment, surgical treatment, nursing care, medication, hospitalization, care and treatment in a nursing home or other facility, and home health care. The representative appointed by this document is specifically authorized to act on my behalf to consent to, refuse or withdraw any and all medical treatment or diagnostic procedures, if my representative determines that I, if able to do so, would consent to, refuse or withdraw such treatment or procedures. Such authority shall include, but not be limited to, the withholding or withdrawal of life-prolonging intervention when in the opinion of two physicians who have examined me, one of whom is my attending physical, such life-prolonging intervention offers no medical hope of benefit.

I appoint this representative because I believe this person understands my wishes and values and will act to carry into effect the health care decisions that I would make if I were able to do so, and because I also believe that this person will act in my best interests



when my wishes are unknown. It is my intent that my family, my physician and all legal authorities be bound by the decisions that are made by the representative appointed by this document, and it is my intent that these decisions should not be the subject of review by any health care provider, or administrative or judicial agency.

It is my intent that this document be legally binding and effective. In the event that the law does not recognize this document as legally binding and effective, it is my intent that this document be taken as a formal statement of my desire concerning the method by which any health care decisions should be made on my behalf during any period when I am unable to make such decisions.

In exercising the authority under this medical power of attorney, my representative shall act consistently with my special directives or limitations as stated below:

SPECIAL DIRECTIVES OR LIMITATIONS ON THIS POWER: (if none, write "none") _____

THIS MEDICAL POWER OF ATTORNEY SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ONLY UPON MY INCAPACITY TO GIVE, WITHHOLD OR WITHDRAW INFORMED CONSENT TO MY OWN MEDICAL CARE.

These directives shall supersede any directive made in any previously executed document concerning my health care.

Signature of Principal

I did not sign the principal's signature above. I am at least eighteen years of age and am not related to the principal by blood or marriage. I am not entitled to any portion of the estate of the principal according to the laws of intestate succession of the state of the principal's domicile or to the best of my knowledge under any will of principal or codicil thereto, or legally responsible for the costs of the principal's medical or other care. I am not the principal's attending physician, nor am I the representative or successor representative of the principal.

WITNESS: _____

DATE: _____

WITNESS: _____

DATE: _____



STATE OF _____

COUNTY OF _____, to-wit:

I, _____, a Notary Public of said
County, do certify that _____
as principal, and _____
and _____
as witnesses, whose names are signed to the writing above bearing date on the _____
day of _____, 20 _____, have this day acknowledged
the same before me.

Give under my hand this _____ day of _____, 20 _____

My commission expires: _____

Notary Public