WHAT IS AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE?
An advance directive is a document outlining the type of care you wish to receive in the event you should become unable to make medical decisions. Advance directives can take many forms, and laws regarding advance directives are different in each state. You should be aware of the laws in your state prior to creating your advance directive.

WHAT IS A LIVING WILL?
A living will is one type of advance directive. It describes the kind of medical treatments or life-sustaining treatments you would want if you were seriously injured or terminally ill. A living will doesn’t let you select someone to make decisions for you.

WHAT IS A DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY?
A durable power of attorney for healthcare (or healthcare proxy) is another type of advance directive. In this document you name someone you have chosen to make healthcare decisions for you should you become unconscious or unable to make medical decisions.

WHAT IS A DNR ORDER?
A pre-hospital Do-Not-Resuscitate (DNR) order is another kind of advance directive. A DNR is a request not to have cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) if your heart stops or if you stop breathing. Pre-hospital Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) orders are governed by special laws specific to each county or state. Most emergency responders in the United States will initiate CPR or other life-sustaining measures unless they see a recognized DNR order for the patient.

MAINTAIN CONTROL OF YOUR CARE
Good communication is key to maintaining control. With the MedicAlert® service, your written advance directives are safely and confidentially stored, communicated, and made available when and where they’re needed. Through this service, MedicAlert can provide your stored advance directives to designated contacts – including a family member, healthcare proxy or agent, and your doctor.

For more information or to register:
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With MedicAlert® Advance Directive Management Service you receive:

- Emergency wallet card stating you have Advance Directives on file
- Live 24/7 emergency response service
- Live 24/7 family notification service
- Storage of one emergency contact

Note: The MedicAlert® medical ID is not included but can be purchased separately.

If you wish to enjoy additional benefits (such as managing and storing your complete medical information, and including additional emergency contacts), then you should join our MedicAlert Advantage Membership Service described below.

MedicAlert® Advantage membership provides comprehensive services such as managing and storing your medical conditions, allergies, and advance directives, and ensures that your emergency medical information and identification is communicated to emergency responders through our live 24/7 emergency response service.

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- Live 24/7 emergency response service
- Live 24/7 family notification services
- Storage of up to 5 emergency contacts
- Comprehensive emergency medical information record
- Storage of your Advance Directives
- Access to complete and customized health content
- Special discounts from our select partners

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SHOULD I HAVE AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE?

Yes. By creating an advance directive, you are making your preferences about medical care known before you’re faced with a serious injury or illness. Even if you are in good health, you should consider having an advance directive. An accident or serious illness can happen suddenly, and if you already have a signed advance directive, your wishes are more likely to be followed.

KEY QUALITY MEASURES

Confidentiality: Your information is never sold or given to any unauthorized person or company. Only authorized access to your information is allowed.

Secure Storage: Your advance directive is safely stored in a secure database.

24/7 Availability Worldwide: Your advance directive is always available when and where it is needed, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, faxed anywhere in the world.

Recognized by Nations’ Leading Emergency Physicians, EMS, EMTs and Healthcare Professionals: Medical and other professionals look for and recognize the internationally renowned MedicAlert mark to confirm the existence of a valid directive. An ongoing education service helps ensure that your preferences are communicated and understood.

Proxy and Provider Communication: Upon request, MedicAlert can provide a copy of your advance directive forms to your designated healthcare proxy or agent, and your healthcare provider, to ensure your wishes are communicated.

Family Notification Service: Assurance in knowing your personal contact will be alerted in the event of an emergency.

Information and Forms: We have the advance directives forms that are recognized in your state. You can download them from our website at www.medicalert.org/directives.

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