

Advance Directive: Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care – WASHINGTON

WHO This Will Impact?

- All Washington State Providence patients, providers and participating caregivers

WHEN This Went Into Effect?

- **April 2021**
- Honoring Choices Pacific Northwest, Washington State Hospital Association (HCPNW), and the Washington State Foundation for Healthcare Improvement vetted and implemented new form.

HOW Will This Impact Role of Trusted Decision Maker in Washington State?

- There are now two ways to satisfy the AD-TDM quality metric in a single visit.
- The AD: DPOA for Health Care – WA can be completed and witnessed by an attending provider and/or other healthcare professional. If the appointment is virtual, or there is not a second witness available, a TDM will suffice.
- Since WA State has a legal hierarchy* that must be followed, TDM is superseded if the AD: DPOAH WA is completed.

*Reference WA State Legal Hierarchy Document

Additional FAQ's:

Who can witness in the clinical setting in addition to the provider?

- From a process and workflow perspective, any clinical staff are qualified as a secondary witness

Should the patient still have the document notarized?

- For patients in the state of Washington, notary is optional, but not required.

Where does the caregiver scan this document into? Which category? Advanced Directive or Durable Power of Attorney?

- It is recommended that the new AD: DPOA for Health Care – WA be filed under the “Advance Directive” tab in Epic.

How long is this AD: DPOA for Health Care – WA effective?

- This AD: DPOA for Health Care – WA will be effective until it is revoked by the principal or the principal dies.

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Create/Update POLST		
Advance Directive Documents (Scanned)		
Document Type	Status	Received On
Power of Attorney	Received	09/14/18
Advance Directive	Yes-At Providence	03/22/21
Power of Attorney	Not Received	
Advance Directive (expired)	No-Can't Determine	01/29/18

Current Code Status			
Date Active	Code Status	Order ID	Comments
3/30/2021 1324	Full Code	780590827	

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> WHO CAN be a witness	<input type="checkbox"/> WHO CANNOT be a witness
Person's attending provider	Patient themself
Employee at a healthcare facility where a person is a patient	An individual related by blood, marriage, or state registered domestic partnership
	Healthcare agent
	Homecare provider or care provider at a long-term care facility where patient lives