

Sectarian Healthcare Directive (Advance Directive Addendum)



The following language can be added to any advance directive. It helps ensure that a patient's instructions will be respected in a situation where institutional policy conflicts with those instructions and that — depending on state law — the provider will assist with the transfer. The signed addendum should be kept with the advance directive.

I understand that circumstances beyond my control may cause me to be admitted to a healthcare institution whose religious or moral policy conflicts with instructions in my advance directive.

My consent to admission shall not constitute implied consent to procedures or courses of treatment mandated by ethical, religious or other policies of the institution if those procedures or courses of treatment conflict with this advance directive.

Furthermore, I direct that if the healthcare institution in which I am a patient declines to follow my wishes as set out in my advance directive, I am to be transferred promptly to a hospital, nursing home or other institution that will agree to honor the instructions set forth in this advance directive.

My preferred choices of medical facility to which I'd like to be admitted or transferred are:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

I hereby incorporate this provision into my advance directive and into any other previously executed documents to guide healthcare decisions.

Signature

Date

Witness Signature

Date