



# End of Life Planning

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### Pennsylvania

#### **Act 169**

<http://www.legis.state.pa.us/WU01/LI/LI/US/HTM/2006/0/0169..HTM>

This is the Pennsylvania statute/law providing a comprehensive framework about advance health care directives and health care decision-making for incompetent patients (adopted November 29, 2006; effective January 29, 2007)

#### **Act 169: Summary**

<https://www.pchc.org/images/PDFs/Publications/End-Of-Life-Planning/Act-169-factsheet.pdf>

This is a summary of Act 169 produced by Community Health Connections, the Health Care Quality Unit from Butler, PA (April 2008)

#### **Advance Health Care Directives and Health Care Decision-making for Incompetent Patients: *A guide to Act 169 of 2006 for physicians and other health care providers***

[http://www.pcacc.org/advance\\_health\\_directives.pdf](http://www.pcacc.org/advance_health_directives.pdf)

This is a summary of Pennsylvania Act 169 of 2006 prepared by the Pennsylvania Medical Society. That Act provides a comprehensive framework about advance health care directives and health care decision-making for incompetent patients.

## **Decide for Yourself. A Guide to Advance Health Care Directives**

<https://www.pchc.org/images/PDFs/Publications/End-Of-Life-Planning/Decide-for-Yourself-Advance-Health-Care-Directives.pdf>

This guide gives general information about advance health care directives. It was jointly created by the Pennsylvania Medical Society and The Hospital and Healthsystem Association of Pennsylvania.

## **Pennsylvania Advance Directive Planning for Important Health Care Decisions**

<http://www.caringinfo.org/files/public/ad/Pennsylvania.pdf>

This is information on how to complete a Pennsylvania Advance Directive from Caring Connections, a program of the National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization (NHPCO) devoted to improving care at the end of life.

## **Procedures for Surrogate Health Care Decision Making**

<http://www.pabulletin.com/secure/data/vol41/41-3/78.html>

This is a Bulletin from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Department of Public Welfare's Office of Developmental Programs (January 15, 2011). The purpose of this bulletin is to clarify and guide surrogate health care decision making procedures applicable to individuals with intellectual disability who are 18 years of age or older in conjunction with Pennsylvania statute/law.

## **Surrogate Health Care Decision Making Webcast**

<http://adobeconx.tiu11.org/p16401991/>

This is a webcast facilitated by Jill Morrow, M.D., Medical Director for the Office of Developmental Programs, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Dr. Morrow guides you through the roles of the four types of health care decision makers, identifies the parameters under which each type of decision maker operates, and gives direction on the initiation of conversations among team members.