Living Will

A living will allows you to put in writing your wishes for endof-life care in the event you cannot communicate those wishes yourself. Generally, a living will is a request to die naturally and does not exclude the use of comfort or pain reduction measures.

Kansas' easy-to-use, fill-in-the-blank form states:

"If at any time I should have an incurable injury, disease, or illness certified to be a terminal condition... I direct that such procedures be withheld or withdrawn, and that I be permitted to die naturally with only the administration of medication or the performance of any medical procedure deemed necessary to provide me with comfort care."

With the help of an attorney, you can identify specific procedures to be performed or withheld, such as the use of:

- Mechanical ventilation
- Artificial nutrition and hydration or tube feeding
- Dialysis
- Antibiotics or antiviral medications

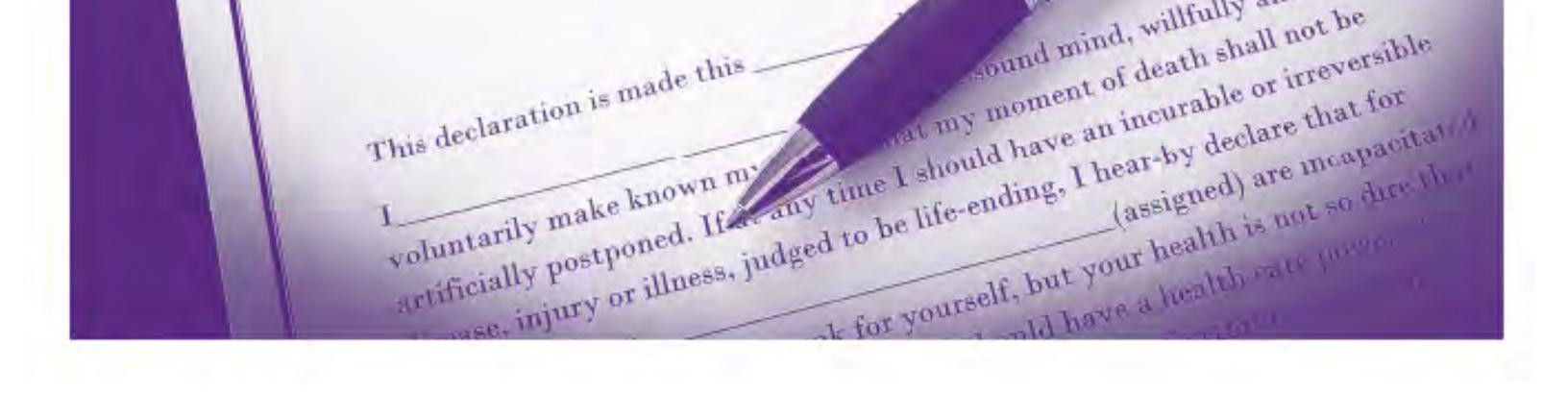
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Advance Health Care Planning in Kansas

Store advance health-care directives in accessible places.







Your vehicle's glove box.





With your Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care.







DO NOT store your advance health care directives in a safety deposit box at your bank!

For more information on advance health care planning in Kansas, or to access the necessary forms to complete your advance directives, contact your local K-State Research and Extension office.

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Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care

A Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care, a person whom you appoint, will be able to make health-care decisions on your behalf if you become unable to do so for yourself.

Your Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care can:

- Speak for you only if you become incapacitated due to illness or injury.
- Make treatment decisions.
- Access medical records.
- Make decisions after death such as organ donation and burial.
- NOT revoke wishes from a living will.

Your Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care should be someone:

- you trust,

 - who knows you well,
 - who will advocate for you, and
 - who will honor your wishes.

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