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## HOUSE BILL No. 1458

A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning health.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 16-36-5-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
2 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 3. As used in this  
3 chapter, "declarant" means a person:  
4 (1) who has executed an out of hospital DNR declaration under  
5 section 11(a) of this chapter; **or**  
6 (2) for whom a representative has executed an out of hospital  
7 DNR declaration under section 11(b) of this chapter; **or**  
8 **(3) for whom a proxy has executed an out of hospital DNR**  
9 **declaration under section 11(c) of this chapter;**  
10 and for whom an out of hospital DNR order has been written under  
11 section 12 of this chapter.  
12 SECTION 2. IC 16-36-5-4.2 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
13 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
14 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 4.2. As used in this chapter and**  
15 **with respect to a declarant, "incapacitated" has the meaning set**  
16 **forth in IC 16-36-7-15.**  
17 SECTION 3. IC 16-36-5-8.1 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA

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CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS  
[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 8.1. As used in this chapter,  
"proxy" has the meaning set forth in IC 16-36-7-20.**

SECTION 4. IC 16-36-5-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.36-2022,  
SECTION 4, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 11. (a) A person who is of sound mind and at least  
eighteen (18) years of age may execute an out of hospital DNR  
declaration.

(b) A person's representative may execute an out of hospital DNR  
declaration for the person under this chapter only if the person is:

- (1) at least eighteen (18) years of age; and
- (2) **incapacitated or** incompetent.

(c) If:

- (1) **a person is at least eighteen (18) years of age and is  
certified as a qualified person under section 10 of this  
chapter;**
- (2) **the person is incapacitated or incompetent; and**
- (3) **the person has no representative who is able and  
available to execute an out of hospital DNR declaration for  
the person;**

**then any individual who is the person's proxy under  
IC 16-36-7-42(c) and who is available to act and has priority to act  
may execute an out of hospital DNR declaration for the person.**

~~(c)~~ (d) An out of hospital DNR declaration must meet the  
following conditions:

- (1) Be voluntary.
- (2) Be in writing.
- (3) Be signed by the person making the declaration or by another  
person in the declarant's presence and at the declarant's express  
direction.
- (4) Be dated.
- (5) Be signed in the presence of at least two (2) competent  
witnesses.

~~(d)~~ (e) If the requirements concerning presence are met, a  
competent declarant and all necessary witnesses may complete and  
sign an out of hospital DNR declaration in two (2) or more tangible,  
paper counterparts with the declarant's signature placed on one (1)  
original counterpart and the signatures of the witnesses placed on one  
(1) or more different tangible, paper counterparts if the text of the out  
of hospital DNR declaration states that the declaration is being signed  
in separate counterparts. If an out of hospital DNR declaration is signed  
in counterparts under this subsection, one (1) or more of the following

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persons must combine each of the separately signed tangible, paper counterparts into a single composite document that contains all of the text of the out of hospital DNR declaration, the signature of the declarant, and the signature of each witness:

(1) The declarant.

(2) A health care representative who has been appointed by the declarant **under subsection (b).**

**(3) A proxy acting for the declarant under subsection (c).**

~~(3)~~ **(4)** A person who supervised the signing of the out of hospital DNR declaration in the person's presence.

~~(4)~~ **(5)** Any other person who was present during the signing of the out of hospital DNR declaration.

The person who combines the separately signed counterparts into a single composite document must do so not later than ten (10) business days after the person receives all of the separately signed tangible, paper counterparts. Any scanned, photocopied, or other accurate copy of the single, composite document shall be treated as validly signed under this subsection if the single, composite document contains the complete text of the out of hospital DNR declaration and all required signatures.

~~(e)~~ **(f)** If physical impairment, physical isolation, or other factors make it impossible or impractical for a declarant to use audiovisual technology to interact with witnesses or to otherwise comply with the requirements concerning presence as defined in section 7.7 of this chapter, the declarant and the witnesses may use telephonic interaction to witness and sign an out of hospital DNR declaration. A potential witness may not, however, be compelled to only use telephonic interaction when participating in the signing or witnessing of an out of hospital DNR declaration under this subsection. If an out of hospital DNR declaration is signed using telephonic interaction under this subsection:

(1) the:

(A) identity of the declarant must be personally known to the witness;

(B) witness must be able to view a government issued, photographic identification of the declarant; or

(C) witness must be able to ask any question of the declarant that:

(i) authenticates the identity of the declarant; and

(ii) establishes the capacity and sound mind of the declarant to the satisfaction of the witness;



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(2) the text of the declaration must specify that the declarant and witnesses used telephonic interaction throughout the witnessing and signing process of the out of hospital DNR declaration; and (3) the out of hospital DNR declaration is presumed valid if it specifies that the declarant and the witnesses witnessed and signed the declaration in compliance with Indiana law.

A health care provider or person who disputes the validity of an out of hospital DNR declaration described under this subsection has the burden of proving the invalidity of the declaration or noncompliance with this subsection, as applicable, by a preponderance of the evidence.

(f) (g) An out of hospital DNR declaration must be issued on the form specified in section 15 of this chapter.

SECTION 5. IC 16-36-5-15, AS AMENDED BY P.L.9-2022, SECTION 32, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 15. An out of hospital DNR declaration and order must be in substantially the following form:

**OUT OF HOSPITAL DO NOT RESUSCITATE DECLARATION AND ORDER**

This declaration and order is effective on the date of execution and remains in effect until the death of the declarant or revocation.

**OUT OF HOSPITAL DO NOT RESUSCITATE DECLARATION**  
Declaration made this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_. I, \_\_\_\_\_, being of sound mind and at least eighteen (18) years of age, willfully and voluntarily make known my desires that my dying shall not be artificially prolonged under the circumstances set forth below. I declare:

My attending physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant has certified that I am a qualified person, meaning that I have a terminal condition or a medical condition such that, if I suffer cardiac or pulmonary failure, resuscitation would be unsuccessful or within a short period I would experience repeated cardiac or pulmonary failure resulting in death.

I direct that, if I experience cardiac or pulmonary failure in a location other than an acute care hospital or a health facility, cardiopulmonary resuscitation procedures be withheld or withdrawn and that I be permitted to die naturally. My medical care may include any medical procedure necessary to provide me with comfort care or to alleviate pain.

I understand that I may revoke this out of hospital DNR declaration at any time by a signed and dated writing, by destroying or canceling this document, or by communicating to health care providers

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at the scene the desire to revoke this declaration.

This declaration was signed by me and by the witnesses in compliance with Indiana law and by: [Initial or check only one (1) of the following spaces]

☐ Signing on paper or electronically in each other's direct physical presence.

☐ Signing in separate counterparts on paper using two (2) way, real time audiovisual technology.

☐ Signing electronically using two (2) way, real time audiovisual technology or telephonic interaction.

☐ Signing in separate counterparts on paper using telephonic interaction between me (the declarant) and all witnesses.

I understand the full import of this declaration.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_

City and State of Residence \_\_\_\_\_

**IF THE DECLARANT IS INCAPACITATED OR INCOMPETENT, the adult who signed above for the declarant is the: [Initial or check only one (1) of the following spaces]**

☐ Court appointed guardian of the declarant's person.

☐ Agent or attorney in fact (POA) under the declarant's health care power of attorney.

☐ Health care representative for the declarant under a written advance directive or other written appointment.

☐ Proxy for the declarant (state relationship to declarant)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address and other optional contact information for guardian, agent, representative, or proxy who signed for the declarant:

\_\_\_\_\_  
The declarant is personally known to me, and I believe the declarant to be of sound mind. I did not sign the declarant's signature above, for, or at the direction of, the declarant. I am not a parent, spouse, or child of the declarant. I am not entitled to any part of the declarant's estate or directly financially responsible for the declarant's medical care. I am competent and at least eighteen (18) years of age.

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Printed name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Witness \_\_\_\_\_ Printed name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**OUT OF HOSPITAL DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDER**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, the attending physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant of



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\_\_\_\_\_, have certified the declarant as a qualified person to make an out of hospital DNR declaration, and I order health care providers having actual notice of this out of hospital DNR declaration and order not to initiate or continue cardiopulmonary resuscitation procedures on behalf of the declarant, unless the out of hospital DNR declaration is revoked.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name \_\_\_\_\_

**Medical Physician/APRN/PA** license number \_\_\_\_\_

SECTION 6. IC 16-36-5-18, AS AMENDED BY P.L.50-2021, SECTION 55, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 18. (a) A declarant may at any time revoke an out of hospital DNR declaration and order by any of the following:

(1) A signed, dated writing.

(2) Physical cancellation or destruction of the declaration and order by the declarant or another in the declarant's presence and at the declarant's direction.

(3) An oral expression by the declarant of intent to revoke.

(b) A declarant's representative may revoke an out of hospital DNR declaration and order under this chapter only if the declarant is **incapacitated or incompetent. If the declarant is incapacitated or incompetent and has no representative who is able and available to act, a proxy for the declarant who has priority to act under IC 16-36-7-42(c) may revoke an out of hospital DNR declaration and order for that declarant, subject to the proxy's responsibilities under IC 16-36-7-42(d).**

(c) A revocation is effective upon communication to a health care provider.

(d) A health care provider to whom the revocation of an out of hospital DNR declaration and order is communicated shall immediately notify the declarant's attending physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant, if known, of the revocation.

(e) An attending physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant notified of the revocation of an out of hospital DNR declaration and order shall immediately:

(1) add the revocation to the declarant's medical file, noting the time, date, and place of revocation, if known, and the time, date, and place that the physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant was notified;

(2) cancel the out of hospital DNR declaration and order by entering the word "VOID" on each page of the out of hospital

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1 DNR declaration and order in the declarant's medical file; and  
 2 (3) notify any health care facility staff responsible for the  
 3 declarant's care of the revocation.

4 SECTION 7. IC 16-36-5-21 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 5 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 21. (a) If a declarant is  
 6 **incapacitated or** incompetent at the time of the decision to withhold  
 7 or withdraw CPR, an out of hospital DNR declaration and order  
 8 executed under this chapter is presumed to be valid.

9 (b) For purposes of this chapter, a health care provider may  
 10 presume in the absence of actual notice to the contrary that the  
 11 declarant was of sound mind when the out of hospital DNR declaration  
 12 and order was executed.

13 (c) The fact that a declarant executed an out of hospital declaration  
 14 may not be considered as an indication of the declarant's mental  
 15 ~~incompetency.~~ **incapacity or incompetence.**

16 SECTION 8. IC 16-36-5-27 IS AMENDED TO READ AS  
 17 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 27. A person who  
 18 knowingly or intentionally:

19 (1) physically cancels or destroys an out of hospital DNR  
 20 declaration and order without the declarant's consent;

21 (2) physically cancels or destroys an out of hospital DNR  
 22 declaration and order without the declarant's representative's  
 23 consent if the declarant is **incapacitated or** incompetent; or

24 (3) falsifies or forges a revocation of another person's out of  
 25 hospital DNR declaration and order;

26 commits a Class B misdemeanor.

27 SECTION 9. IC 16-36-6-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.10-2019,  
 28 SECTION 71, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 29 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "declarant" means a  
 30 qualified person:

31 (1) who has completed a POST form under section 7(a)(1) of this  
 32 chapter; ~~or~~

33 (2) for whom a representative has completed a POST form under  
 34 section 7(a)(2) of this chapter; **or**

35 **(3) for whom a proxy has completed a POST form under**  
 36 **section 7(a)(3) of this chapter;**

37 and whose treating physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or  
 38 physician assistant has executed a POST form under section 8 of this  
 39 chapter.

40 SECTION 10. IC 16-36-6-4.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA  
 41 CODE AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS



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[EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: **Sec. 4.5. As used in this chapter, "proxy" has the meaning set forth in IC 16-36-7-20.**

SECTION 11. IC 16-36-6-7, AS AMENDED BY P.L.50-2021, SECTION 60, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 7. (a) The following individuals may complete a POST form:

(1) A qualified person who is:

(A) either:

(i) at least eighteen (18) years of age; or

(ii) less than eighteen (18) years of age but authorized to consent under IC 16-36-1-3(a)(2) (except under IC 16-36-1-3(a)(2)(E)); and

(B) of sound mind.

(2) A qualified person's representative, if the qualified person:

(A) is less than eighteen (18) years of age and is not authorized to consent under IC 16-36-1-3(a)(2); or

(B) has been determined to be incapable of making decisions about the qualified person's health care by a treating physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant acting in good faith and the representative has been:

(i) appointed by the individual under IC 16-36-1-7 to serve as the individual's health care representative;

(ii) authorized to act under IC 30-5-5-16 and IC 30-5-5-17 as the individual's attorney in fact with authority to consent to or refuse health care for the individual;

(iii) appointed by a court as the individual's health care representative under IC 16-36-1-8;

(iv) appointed by a court as the guardian of the person with the authority to make health care decisions under IC 29-3; or

(v) appointed by the individual under IC 16-36-7 to serve as the individual's health care representative.

**(3) Any individual who is the qualified person's proxy under IC 16-36-7-42(c) and who is available to act and has priority to act, if the qualified person:**

**(A) has been determined to be incapable of making decisions about the qualified person's health care by a treating physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant acting in good faith; and**

**(B) has no representative who is described in subdivision**



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1                   **(2) who is able and available to act for the qualified**  
 2                   **person.**

3           (b) In order to complete a POST form, a person described in  
 4 subsection (a) and the qualified person's treating physician, advanced  
 5 practice registered nurse, or physician assistant or the physician's,  
 6 advanced practice registered nurse's, or physician assistant's designee  
 7 must do the following:

8                   (1) Discuss the qualified person's goals and treatment options  
 9 available to the qualified person based on the qualified person's  
 10 health.

11                   (2) Complete the POST form, to the extent possible, based on the  
 12 qualified person's preferences determined during the discussion  
 13 in subdivision (1).

14           (c) When completing a POST form on behalf of a qualified person,  
 15 a representative shall act:

16                   (1) in good faith; and

17                   (2) in:

18                           (A) accordance with the qualified person's express or  
 19 implied intentions, if known; or

20                           (B) the best interest of the qualified person, if the qualified  
 21 person's express or implied intentions are not known.

22           (d) A copy of the executed POST form shall be maintained in the  
 23 qualified person's medical file.

24           SECTION 12. IC 16-36-6-8, AS AMENDED BY P.L.10-2019,  
 25 SECTION 73, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
 26 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 8. (a) A POST form may be executed only by an  
 27 individual's treating physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or  
 28 physician assistant and only if:

29                   (1) the treating physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or  
 30 physician assistant has determined that:

31                           (A) the individual is a qualified person; and

32                           (B) the medical orders contained in the individual's POST  
 33 form are reasonable and medically appropriate for the  
 34 individual; and

35                   (2) the qualified person, ~~or~~ representative, **or proxy** has  
 36 completed the POST form in accordance with section 7 of this  
 37 chapter.

38           (b) A POST form is effective if the following conditions are met:

39                   (1) The POST form contains the qualified person's name and  
 40 code status orders.

41                   (2) The treating physician, advanced practice registered nurse,



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or physician assistant and the qualified person, ~~or~~ representative,  
**or proxy** have signed and dated the POST form.

(3) The POST form is in English.

(c) A qualified person who is unable to sign the POST form may direct another person, in the presence of the treating physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant and the qualified person, to sign the POST form on the qualified person's behalf.

SECTION 13. IC 16-36-6-9, AS AMENDED BY P.L.50-2021, SECTION 61, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 9. (a) The state department shall develop a standardized POST form and distribute the POST form.

(b) The POST form developed under this section must include the following:

(1) A medical order specifying whether cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) should be performed if the qualified person is in cardiopulmonary arrest.

(2) A medical order concerning the level of medical intervention that should be provided to the qualified person, including the following:

(A) Comfort measures.

(B) Limited additional interventions.

(C) Full intervention.

(3) A medical order specifying whether antibiotics should be provided to the qualified person.

(4) A medical order specifying whether artificially administered nutrition should be provided to the qualified person.

(5) A signature line for the treating physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant, including the following information:

(A) The physician's, advanced practice registered nurse's, or physician assistant's printed name.

(B) The physician's, advanced practice registered nurse's, or physician assistant's telephone number.

(C) The physician's medical license number, advanced practice registered nurse's nursing license number, or physician assistant's state license number.

(D) The date of the physician's, advanced practice registered nurse's, or physician assistant's signature.

As used in this subdivision, "signature" includes an electronic or physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician

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1 assistant controlled stamp signature.

2 (6) A signature line for the qualified person, ~~or~~ representative, **or**  
3 **proxy**, including the following information:

4 (A) The **printed name of the** qualified ~~person's or~~  
5 ~~representative's printed name:~~ **person, representative, or**  
6 **proxy who signed the POST form.**

7 (B) The relationship of the representative **or proxy** signing  
8 the POST form to the qualified person covered by the POST  
9 form.

10 (C) The date of the signature.

11 As used in this subdivision, "signature" includes an electronic  
12 signature.

13 (7) A section presenting the option to allow a declarant to  
14 appoint a representative (as defined in IC 16-36-1-2) under  
15 IC 16-36-1-7 or IC 16-36-7 to serve as the declarant's health care  
16 representative.

17 (c) The state department shall place the POST form on its ~~Internet~~  
18 ~~web site:~~ **website.**

19 (d) The state department is not liable for any use or misuse of the  
20 POST form.

21 SECTION 14. IC 16-36-6-11, AS AMENDED BY P.L.10-2019,  
22 SECTION 76, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
23 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 11. (a) A declarant or representative subject to  
24 subsection (b) may at any time revoke a POST form by any of the  
25 following:

26 (1) A signed and dated writing.

27 (2) Physical cancellation or destruction of the POST form by:

28 (A) the declarant;

29 (B) the representative; or

30 (C) another individual at the direction of the declarant or  
31 representative.

32 (3) An oral expression by the declarant or representative of an  
33 intent to revoke the POST form.

34 (b) A representative may revoke the POST form only if:

35 (1) the declarant is incapable of making decisions regarding the  
36 declarant's health care; and

37 (2) the representative acts:

38 (A) in good faith; and

39 (B) in:

40 (i) accordance with the qualified person's express or  
41 implied intentions, if known; or



(ii) the best interests of the qualified person, if the qualified person's express or implied intentions are not known.

**(c) If:**

**(1) a declarant, the declarant's proxy, or the declarant's representative completed and signed a POST form;**

**(2) the declarant who signed the POST form is incapable of making decisions regarding the declarant's health care; and**

**(3) no representative appointed by the declarant is able or reasonably available to act to revoke the POST form;**

**then a proxy who has priority to act for the declarant under IC 16-36-7-42(c) may act for the declarant to revoke the POST form. A proxy who revokes a POST form under this subsection must comply with IC 16-36-7-42(d).**

~~(c)~~ **(d)** A revocation of a POST form under this section is effective upon communication of the revocation to a health care provider.

~~(d)~~ **(e)** Upon communication of the revocation of a POST form under this section, the health care provider shall immediately notify the declarant's treating physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant, if known, of the revocation.

~~(e)~~ **(f)** Upon notification of the revocation of a POST form to the treating physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant under subsection ~~(d)~~; **(e)**, the declarant's treating physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant shall as soon as possible do the following:

**(1)** Add the revocation to the declarant's medical record with the following information:

**(A)** The time, date, and place of revocation of the POST form by the declarant, representative, **proxy**, or other individual at the direction of the declarant, ~~or~~ representative, **or proxy**.

**(B)** The time, date, and place the treating physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant was notified of the revocation of the POST form.

**(2)** Cancel the POST form that is being revoked by conspicuously noting in the declarant's medical records that the declarant's POST form has been voided.

**(3)** Notify any health care personnel responsible for the care of the declarant of the revocation of the POST form.

**(4)** Notify the physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant who signed the POST form of the revocation through the contact information for the physician, advanced



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1 practice registered nurse, or physician assistant indicated on the  
2 form.

3 SECTION 15. IC 16-36-6-12, AS AMENDED BY P.L.10-2019,  
4 SECTION 77, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
5 JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 12. (a) A declarant, or, subject to ~~subsection~~  
6 **subsections (b) and (c)**, a representative **or a proxy**, may, at any time,  
7 request alternative treatment to the treatment specified on the POST  
8 form.

9 (b) A representative may request alternative treatment only if the  
10 declarant is incapable of making decisions concerning the declarant's  
11 health care.

12 **(c) A proxy who has priority to act for the declarant under**  
13 **IC 16-36-7-42(c) may request alternative treatment if:**

14 **(1) the declarant is incapable of making decisions concerning**  
15 **the declarant's health care; and**

16 **(2) no representative appointed by the declarant is able and**  
17 **reasonably available to act on behalf of the declarant.**

18 ~~(c)~~ **(d)** A health care provider to whom a request for alternative  
19 treatment is communicated shall, as soon as possible, notify the  
20 declarant's treating physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or  
21 physician assistant, if known, of the request.

22 ~~(d)~~ **(e)** The treating physician, advanced practice registered nurse,  
23 or physician assistant who is notified under subsection ~~(c)~~ **(d)** of a  
24 request for alternative treatment shall do the following as soon as  
25 possible:

26 (1) Include a written, signed note of the request in the declarant's  
27 medical records with the following information:

28 (A) The time, date, and place of the request by the  
29 declarant, ~~or representative, or proxy.~~

30 (B) The time, date, and place that the treating physician,  
31 advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant  
32 was notified of the request.

33 (2) Review the POST form with:

34 **(A) the declarant, ~~or representative and execute a new~~**  
35 **POST form, if needed: if the declarant is capable of**

36 **making decisions concerning the declarant's health care;**  
37 **(B) the declarant's representative, if the declarant is**  
38 **incapable of making decisions concerning the**  
39 **declarant's health care; or**

40 **(C) a proxy who has priority to act for the declarant, if**  
41 **the declarant is incapable of making decisions**  
42 **concerning the declarant's health care and no appointed**



**representative is able or reasonably available to act for the declarant;**

**and execute a new POST form, if needed.**

SECTION 16. IC 16-36-6-15, AS AMENDED BY P.L.10-2019, SECTION 78, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2023]: Sec. 15. (a) Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the medical orders included in a POST form executed under this chapter are effective in all settings. A health care provider shall comply with a declarant's POST form that is apparent and immediately available to the provider unless the provider:

(1) believes the POST form was not validly executed under this chapter;

(2) believes in good faith that the declarant, the representative, **a proxy**, or another individual at the request of the declarant, ~~or~~ representative, **or proxy** has revoked the POST form as provided in section 11 of this chapter;

(3) believes in good faith that the declarant, ~~or~~ representative, **or a proxy** has made a request for alternative treatment as provided in section 12 of this chapter;

(4) believes it would be medically inappropriate to provide the intervention included in the declarant's POST form; or

(5) has religious or moral beliefs that conflict with the POST form.

(b) A health care provider is not required to provide medical treatment that is contrary to a declarant's POST form that has been executed in accordance with this chapter.

(c) If a declarant is capable of making health care decisions, the declarant's treating physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant, before carrying out or implementing a medical order indicated in the declarant's POST form, shall discuss the order with the declarant to reaffirm or amend the order on the POST form. For purposes of this subsection, a minor who is not authorized to consent to health care under IC 16-36-1-3(a)(2) is not capable of consenting to health care. This subsection applies regardless of whether the POST form was signed by the declarant or representative.

(d) A health care provider who is unable to implement or carry out the orders of a POST form shall transfer care of the declarant to another health care provider who is able to implement or carry out the orders. However, a health care provider who refuses to implement the medical orders included in an executed POST form is not required to transfer care of the declarant if any of the circumstances in subsection (a)(1)

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1 through (a)(4) have occurred.

2 (e) The treating physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or  
3 physician assistant is responsible for coordinating the transfer of care  
4 of a declarant in the circumstances in subsection (d). If the treating  
5 physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician assistant,  
6 after a reasonable attempt, is unable to find a physician, advanced  
7 practice registered nurse, or physician assistant willing to implement  
8 or carry out the medical orders included in the declarant's POST form,  
9 the treating physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician  
10 assistant may decline to implement or carry out the medical orders.

11 (f) If, under this section, the treating physician, advanced practice  
12 registered nurse, or physician assistant does not transfer a declarant or  
13 implement the medical orders included in the declarant's POST form  
14 and the declarant is competent, the treating physician, advanced  
15 practice registered nurse, or physician assistant shall attempt to  
16 ascertain the declarant's preferences for medical care by discussing the  
17 preferences with the declarant. If the declarant is incompetent to act,  
18 the treating physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician  
19 assistant shall attempt to ascertain the declarant's preferences for  
20 medical care by consulting with the following individuals:

21 (1) The treating physician, advanced practice registered nurse,  
22 or physician assistant shall consult with any representative who  
23 is available, willing, and competent to act.

24 (2) If the declarant does not have a representative or if a  
25 representative is not available, willing, and competent to act, the  
26 treating physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or  
27 physician assistant shall consult with any of the following  
28 individuals who are available, willing, and competent to act:

29 (A) ~~The declarant's spouse.~~

30 (B) ~~An adult child of the declarant; or, if the declarant has~~  
31 ~~more than one (1) adult child, a majority of the children~~  
32 ~~who are reasonably available for consultation.~~

33 (C) ~~A parent of the declarant.~~

34 (D) (A) ~~An adult sibling of the declarant; or, if the declarant~~  
35 ~~has more than one (1) adult sibling, a majority of the~~  
36 ~~siblings who are reasonably available for consultation. A~~  
37 ~~proxy for the declarant who is reasonably available,~~  
38 ~~willing, and competent to act and who has the highest~~  
39 ~~priority under IC 16-36-7-42(c).~~

40 (E) (B) ~~An If no proxy for the declarant is reasonably~~  
41 ~~available, willing, or competent to act, another individual~~

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- 1                   with firsthand knowledge of the declarant's intentions.  
2           (g) An individual described in subsection (f) shall act according  
3   to the declarant's intentions, if known, or in the best interest of the  
4   declarant.  
5           (h) The physician, advanced practice registered nurse, or physician  
6   assistant shall list the names of the individuals described in subsection  
7   (f) who were consulted and the information received by the individuals  
8   in the declarant's medical record.

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