

# Advance directives



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## All individuals have the right to execute an advance directive

(also known as a living will or durable power of attorney for health care) to identify their health care wishes should they become unable to voice their decisions directly. Our members may ask you for help in obtaining and completing necessary forms.

### Here are some things you should know about advance directives:

- An advance directive can provide any kind of instruction to providers on health care services to be provided or not provided to the person who is the principal of the document when the proper circumstances are met.
- All health care declarations are unconditionally revocable at any time, effective immediately upon communicating the change to the attending physician or health care provider.

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### Please note:

- We will not condition the provision of care, or otherwise discriminate, based on whether or not a member has executed an advance directive.
- Physicians and providers may help members in obtaining advance directive forms and discuss sensitive issues raised by completing the document.
- Physicians and providers are required to document in the member's medical record that an advance directive was discussed and/or completed. Place a copy in the patient's chart.

Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield complies with all applicable state and federal laws concerning advance directives. We strive to inform you of relevant changes in Indiana state law as soon as possible, but no later than 90 days after the effective date of the change. See Indiana code IC 16-34-4 for more information.



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