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**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

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5 \* **Section 1.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section  
6 to read:

7 PURPOSE AND INTENT. (a) A principal purpose of this Act is to provide a  
8 comprehensive coordinated approach to the making of health care decisions, including  
9 anatomical gifts. To achieve this purpose, this Act repeals the current statutory devices that  
10 cover health care decisions and consolidates the subject into one chapter.

11 (b) It is the intent of this Act to

12 (1) establish the right of a patient to control the patient's own health care  
13 decisions; and

1 (2) create, in the absence of evidence to the contrary, a presumption, in favor  
2 of life consistent with the best interest of the patient.

3 (c) This Act is not intended to condone, authorize, or approve mercy killing, assisted  
4 suicide, or euthanasia.

5 \* **Sec. 2.** AS 12.65.100 is amended to read:

6 **Sec. 12.65.100. Unclaimed bodies.** When a person dies and no person  
7 appears to claim the body for burial, and no provision is made for the body under  
8 **AS 13.52** [AS 13.50], the Department of Health and Social Services, upon  
9 notification, shall request a court order authorizing the body to be plainly and decently  
10 buried or cremated and the remains decently interred. A judicial officer shall issue the  
11 requested order upon the sworn testimony or statement of a representative of the  
12 Department of Health and Social Services that a person has not appeared to claim the  
13 body for burial and provision is not made for the body under **AS 13.52** [AS 13.50].

14 \* **Sec. 3.** AS 13 is amended by adding a new chapter to read:

15 **Chapter 52. Health Care Decisions Act.**

16 **Sec. 13.52.010. Advance health care directives.** (a) Except as provided in  
17 AS 13.52.170(a), an adult may give an individual instruction. Except as provided in  
18 AS 13.52.170(b), the instruction may be oral or written. The instruction may be  
19 limited to take effect only if a specified condition arises.

20 (b) An adult may execute a durable power of attorney for health care, which  
21 may authorize the agent to make any health care decision the principal could have  
22 made while having capacity. The power remains in effect notwithstanding the  
23 principal's later incapacity and may include individual instructions. The power must  
24 be in writing, contain the date of its execution, be signed by the principal, and be  
25 witnessed by one of the following methods:

26 (1) signed by at least two individuals who are personally known by the  
27 principal, each of whom witnessed either the signing of the instrument by the principal  
28 or the principal's acknowledgment of the signature of the instrument; or

29 (2) acknowledged before a notary public at a place in this state.

30 (c) Unless related to the principal by blood, marriage, or adoption, an agent  
31 under a durable power of attorney for health care may not be an owner, operator, or

1 employee of the health care institution at which the principal is receiving care.

2 (d) A witness for a durable power of attorney for health care may not be

3 (1) a health care provider employed at the health care institution or  
4 health care facility where the principal is receiving health care;

5 (2) an employee of the health care provider providing health care to the  
6 principal, or of the health care institution or health care facility where the principal is  
7 receiving health care; or

8 (3) the agent.

9 (e) At least one of the individuals used as a witness for a durable power of  
10 attorney for health care shall be someone who is not

11 (1) related to the principal by blood, marriage, or adoption; or

12 (2) entitled to a portion of the estate of the principal upon the  
13 principal's death under a will or codicil of the principal existing at the time of  
14 execution of the durable power of attorney for health care or by operation of law then  
15 existing.

16 (f) Unless otherwise specified in the durable power of attorney for health care,  
17 the authority of an agent becomes effective only upon a determination that the  
18 principal lacks capacity and ceases to be effective upon a determination that the  
19 principal has recovered capacity.

20 (g) Unless otherwise specified in a written advance health care directive, a  
21 determination that a principal lacks or has recovered capacity, or that another  
22 condition exists that affects an individual instruction or the authority of an agent, shall  
23 be made by

24 (1) the primary physician, except in the case of mental illness;

25 (2) a court in the case of mental illness, unless the situation is an  
26 emergency; or

27 (3) the primary physician or another health care provider in the case of  
28 mental illness where the situation is an emergency.

29 (h) An agent shall make a health care decision in accordance with the  
30 principal's individual instructions, if any, and other wishes to the extent known to the  
31 agent. Otherwise, the agent shall make the decision in accordance with the agent's

1 determination of the principal's best interest. In determining the principal's best  
2 interest, the agent shall consider the principal's personal values to the extent known to  
3 the agent.

4 (i) A health care decision made by an agent for a principal is effective without  
5 judicial approval.

6 (j) A written advance health care directive may include the individual's  
7 nomination of a guardian of the individual.

8 (k) An advance health care directive, including an advance health care  
9 directive that is made in compliance with the laws of another state, is valid for  
10 purposes of this chapter to the extent that it complies with the laws of this state.

11 **Sec. 13.52.020. Revocation of advance health care directive.** (a) Except in  
12 the case of mental illness under (c) of this section, a principal may revoke the  
13 designation of an agent only by a signed writing or by personally informing the  
14 supervising health care provider.

15 (b) Except in the case of mental illness under (c) of this section, a principal  
16 may revoke all or part of an advance health care directive, other than the designation  
17 of an agent, at any time and in any manner that communicates an intent to revoke.

18 (c) In the case of mental illness, an advance health care directive may be  
19 revoked in whole or in part at any time by the principal if the principal does not lack  
20 capacity and is competent. A revocation is effective when a competent principal with  
21 capacity communicates the revocation to the attending physician or other health care  
22 provider. The attending physician or other health care provider shall note the  
23 revocation on the principal's medical record. In the case of mental illness, the  
24 authority of a named agent and an alternative agent named in the advance health care  
25 directive continues in effect as long as the advance health care directive appointing the  
26 agent is in effect or until the agent has withdrawn. For the purposes of this subsection,  
27 a principal is not considered competent when

28 (1) it is the opinion of the court in a guardianship proceeding under  
29 AS 13.26, the opinion of two physicians, at least one of whom is a psychiatrist, or the  
30 opinion of a physician and a professional mental health clinician, that the principal is  
31 not competent; or

1 (2) a court in a hearing under AS 47.30.735, 47.30.750, or 47.30.770  
2 determines that the principal is gravely disabled; in this paragraph, "gravely disabled"  
3 has the meaning given in AS 47.30.915(7)(B).

4 (d) A health care provider, agent, guardian, or surrogate who is informed of a  
5 revocation shall promptly communicate the fact of the revocation to the supervising  
6 health care provider and to any health care institution at which the patient is receiving  
7 care.

8 (e) A decree of annulment, divorce, dissolution of marriage, or legal  
9 separation revokes a previous designation of a spouse as agent unless otherwise  
10 specified in the decree or in a durable power of attorney for health care.

11 (f) An advance health care directive that conflicts with an earlier advance  
12 health care directive revokes the earlier directive to the extent of the conflict.

13 **Sec. 13.52.025. Rescission of withdrawal by agent.** A person who has  
14 withdrawn as an agent may rescind the withdrawal by executing an acceptance after  
15 the date of the withdrawal. A person who rescinds a withdrawal shall give notice to  
16 the principal if the principal has capacity or to the principal's health care provider if  
17 the principal does not have capacity.

18 **Sec. 13.52.030. Surrogates.** (a) Except in the case of mental health treatment  
19 and except as provided by AS 13.52.180(a) and (b), a surrogate may make a health  
20 care decision for a patient who is an adult if an agent or guardian has not been  
21 appointed or the agent or guardian is not reasonably available, and if the patient has  
22 been determined by the primary physician to lack capacity.

23 (b) Subject to AS 13.52.055(b), a surrogate may make a decision regarding  
24 mental health treatment for a patient who is an adult if

25 (1) an agent or guardian has not been appointed or the agent or  
26 guardian is not reasonably available;

27 (2) the mental health treatment is needed on an emergency basis; and

28 (3) the patient has been determined to lack capacity by

29 (A) two physicians, one of whom is a psychiatrist; or

30 (B) a physician and a professional mental health clinician.

31 (c) Except as provided for anatomical gifts in AS 13.52.170(b), an adult may

1 designate an individual to act as surrogate for that adult by personally informing the  
2 supervising health care provider. Except as provided by AS 13.52.180(a) and (b), in  
3 the absence of a designation, or if the designee is not reasonably available, a member  
4 of the following classes of the patient's family who is reasonably available, in  
5 descending order of priority, may act as surrogate:

- 6 (1) the spouse, unless legally separated;
- 7 (2) an adult child;
- 8 (3) a parent; or
- 9 (4) an adult sibling.

10 (d) Except as provided by (l) of this section or AS 13.52.180(a) or (b), if none  
11 of the individuals eligible to act as surrogate under (c) of this section is reasonably  
12 available, an adult who has exhibited special care and concern for the patient, who is  
13 familiar with the patient's personal values, and who is reasonably available may act as  
14 surrogate.

15 (e) A surrogate shall communicate the surrogate's assumption of authority as  
16 promptly as practicable to the health care provider, the health care institution, and the  
17 members of the patient's family specified in (c) of this section who can be readily  
18 contacted.

19 (f) If more than one member of a class under (c)(2) - (4) of this section  
20 assumes authority to act as surrogate, the members of that class do not agree on a  
21 health care decision, and the supervising health care provider is informed of the  
22 disagreement, the supervising health care provider shall comply with the decision of a  
23 majority of the members of that class who have communicated their views to the  
24 provider. If the class is evenly divided concerning the health care decision and the  
25 supervising health care provider is informed of the even division, that class and all  
26 individuals having a lower priority under (c)(2) - (4) of this section are disqualified  
27 from making the decision, and the primary physician, after consulting with all  
28 individuals in that evenly divided class who are reasonably available, shall make a  
29 decision based on the consultation and the primary physician's own determination of  
30 the best interest of the patient.

31 (g) A surrogate shall make a health care decision in accordance with the

1 patient's individual instructions or other advance health care directives, if any, and  
2 other wishes to the extent known to the surrogate. Otherwise, the surrogate shall make  
3 the decision in accordance with the surrogate's determination of the patient's best  
4 interest. In determining the patient's best interest, the surrogate shall consider the  
5 patient's personal values to the extent known to the surrogate.

6 (h) If a patient's primary health care provider observes that a surrogate is not  
7 abiding by the wishes, values, and best interest of the patient, the primary health care  
8 provider may decline to comply with a decision of the surrogate and shall notify the  
9 health care institution where the primary health care provider is providing health care  
10 to the patient.

11 (i) A health care decision made by a surrogate for a patient is effective without  
12 judicial approval.

13 (j) A patient who has capacity may, at any time, disqualify another person,  
14 including a member of the patient's family, from acting as the patient's surrogate by a  
15 signed writing or by personally informing the supervising health care provider of the  
16 disqualification.

17 (k) Unless related to the patient by blood, marriage, or adoption, a surrogate  
18 may not be an owner, operator, or employee of the health care facility where the  
19 patient is receiving care.

20 (l) A supervising health care provider may require an individual claiming the  
21 right to act as a surrogate for a patient to provide a written declaration under penalty of  
22 perjury stating facts and circumstances reasonably sufficient to establish the claimed  
23 authority.

24 **Sec. 13.52.040. Decisions by guardian.** (a) A guardian shall comply with  
25 the ward's individual instructions and may not revoke a ward's advance health care  
26 directive executed before the ward's incapacity unless a court expressly authorizes the  
27 revocation.

28 (b) Unless there is a court order to the contrary, a health care decision of an  
29 agent takes precedence over that of a guardian.

30 (c) Except as provided in (a) of this section, a health care decision made by a  
31 guardian for the ward is effective without judicial approval.

1                   **Sec. 13.52.045. Withholding or withdrawing of life-sustaining procedures.**

2           Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, an agent or a surrogate may  
3           determine that life-sustaining procedures may be withheld or withdrawn from a patient  
4           with a qualifying condition when there is

5                   (1) a durable power of attorney for health care or other writing that  
6                   clearly expresses the patient's intent that the procedures be withheld or withdrawn; or

7                   (2) no durable power of attorney for health care or other writing that  
8                   clearly expresses the patient's intent to the contrary, the patient has a qualifying  
9                   condition as determined under AS 13.52.160, and withholding or withdrawing the  
10                  procedures would be consistent with the patient's best interest.

11                  **Sec. 13.52.050. Decisions for exceptional procedures.** Unless there is a  
12                  durable power of attorney for health care or another writing clearly expressing an  
13                  individual's intent to the contrary, an agent or surrogate may not consent on behalf of a  
14                  patient to an abortion, sterilization, psychosurgery, or removal of bodily organs except  
15                  when the abortion, sterilization, psychosurgery, or removal of bodily organs is  
16                  necessary to preserve the life of the patient or to prevent serious impairment of the  
17                  health of the patient.

18                  **Sec. 13.52.055. Pregnancy.** (a) Before implementing a health care decision  
19                  for a woman of childbearing age that would affect a fetus if present, the supervising  
20                  health care provider shall take reasonable steps to determine whether the woman is  
21                  pregnant.

22                  (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, an  
23                  advance health care directive by a patient or a decision by the person then authorized  
24                  to make health care decisions for a patient may not be given effect if

25                          (1) the patient is a woman who is pregnant and lacks capacity;

26                          (2) the directive or decision is to withhold or withdraw life-sustaining  
27                          procedures;

28                          (3) the withholding or withdrawal of the life-sustaining procedures  
29                          would, in reasonable medical judgment, be likely to result in the death of the patient;  
30                          and

31                          (4) it is probable that the fetus could develop to the point of live birth

1 if the life-sustaining procedures were provided.

2 (c) This section does not apply to emergency services in the field.

3 **Sec. 13.52.060. Obligations of health care providers, institutions, and**  
4 **facilities.** (a) Before implementing a health care decision made for a patient, a  
5 supervising health care provider, if possible, shall promptly communicate to the  
6 patient the decision made and the identity of the person making the decision.

7 (b) Except as provided in AS 13.52.200, a supervising health care provider  
8 who knows of the existence of an advance health care directive, a revocation of an  
9 advance health care directive, or a designation or disqualification of a surrogate shall  
10 promptly record its existence in the patient's health care record, shall request a copy if  
11 it is in writing, and shall arrange for its maintenance in the health care record if a copy  
12 is furnished.

13 (c) A supervising health care provider who makes or is informed of a  
14 determination that a patient lacks or has recovered capacity, or that another condition  
15 exists that affects an individual instruction or the authority of an agent, a guardian, or a  
16 surrogate, shall promptly record the determination in the patient's health care record  
17 and communicate the determination to the patient, if possible, and to any person then  
18 authorized to make health care decisions for the patient.

19 (d) Except as provided in (e) and (f) of this section, a health care provider,  
20 health care institution, or health care facility providing care to a patient shall comply  
21 with

22 (1) an individual instruction of the patient and with a reasonable  
23 interpretation of that instruction made by a person then authorized to make health care  
24 decisions for the patient; and

25 (2) a health care decision for the patient made by a person then  
26 authorized to make health care decisions for the patient to the same extent as if the  
27 decision had been made by the patient while having capacity.

28 (e) A health care provider may decline to comply with an individual  
29 instruction or a health care decision for reasons of conscience, except for a do not  
30 resuscitate order. A health care institution or health care facility may decline to  
31 comply with an individual instruction or health care decision if the instruction or

1 decision is contrary to a policy of the institution or facility that is expressly based on  
2 reasons of conscience and if the policy was timely communicated to the patient or to a  
3 person then authorized to make health care decisions for the patient.

4 (f) A health care provider, health care institution, or health care facility may  
5 decline to comply with an individual instruction or a health care decision that requires  
6 medically ineffective health care or health care contrary to generally accepted health  
7 care standards applicable to the provider, institution, or facility. In this subsection,  
8 "medically ineffective health care" means health care that according to reasonable  
9 medical judgment cannot cure the patient's illness, cannot diminish its progressive  
10 course, and cannot effectively alleviate severe discomfort and distress.

11 (g) A health care provider, health care institution, or health care facility that  
12 declines to comply with an individual instruction or a health care decision shall

13 (1) promptly inform the patient, if possible, and any person then  
14 authorized to make health care decisions for the patient that the provider, institution,  
15 or facility has declined to comply with the instruction or decision;

16 (2) provide continuing care to the patient until a transfer is effected;  
17 and

18 (3) unless the patient or person then authorized to make health care  
19 decisions for the patient refuses assistance, immediately cooperate and comply with a  
20 decision by the patient or a person then authorized to make health care decisions for  
21 the patient to transfer the patient to another health care institution, to another health  
22 care facility, to the patient's home, or to another location chosen by the patient or by  
23 the person then authorized to make health care decisions for the patient.

24 (h) Except as provided for civil commitments under AS 47.30.817, a health  
25 care provider, health care institution, or health care facility may not require or prohibit  
26 the execution or revocation of an advance health care directive as a condition for  
27 providing health care.

28 **Sec. 13.52.065. Do not resuscitate protocol and identification**  
29 **requirements.** (a) An attending physician may issue a do not resuscitate order for a  
30 patient of the physician. The physician shall document the grounds for the order in the  
31 patient's medical file.

1 (b) The department shall by regulation adopt a protocol, subject to the  
2 approval of the State Medical Board, for do not resuscitate orders that sets out a  
3 standardized method of procedure for the withholding of cardiopulmonary  
4 resuscitation by health care providers and health care institutions.

5 (c) The department shall develop standardized designs and symbols for do not  
6 resuscitate identification cards, forms, necklaces, and bracelets that signify, when  
7 carried or worn, that the carrier or wearer is an individual for whom a physician has  
8 issued a do not resuscitate order.

9 (d) A health care provider other than a physician shall comply with the  
10 protocol adopted under (b) of this section for do not resuscitate orders when the health  
11 care provider is presented with a do not resuscitate identification, an oral do not  
12 resuscitate order issued directly by a physician if the applicable hospital allows oral do  
13 not resuscitate orders, or a written do not resuscitate order entered on and as required  
14 by a form prescribed by the department.

15 (e) Notwithstanding (d) of this section, if an individual has made an  
16 anatomical gift to occur at death and is in a hospital when a do not resuscitate order or  
17 an order to withdraw life-sustaining procedures is to be implemented for the  
18 individual, the order may not be implemented until the subject of the anatomical gift  
19 can be evaluated to determine if it is suitable for donation.

20 (f) A do not resuscitate order may not be made ineffective unless a physician  
21 revokes the do not resuscitate order. A request to revoke a do not resuscitate order  
22 may only be made by the person for whom the order is written or, if the person for  
23 whom the order is written is under 18 years of age, by the parent or guardian of the  
24 person.

25 **Sec. 13.52.070. Health care information.** (a) Unless otherwise specified in  
26 an advance health care directive, a person then authorized to make health care  
27 decisions for a patient has the same rights as the patient to request, receive, examine,  
28 copy, and consent to the disclosure of medical or other health care information.

29 (b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, if there is a question about the  
30 principal's capacity, an agent or a surrogate of the principal may immediately access  
31 the personal health care information necessary to determine the principal's capacity,

1 even if the agency or surrogacy does not become effective until the principal lacks  
2 capacity.

3 **Sec. 13.52.080. Immunities.** (a) If a health care provider or health care  
4 institution makes reasonable efforts, with a level of diligence appropriate to the  
5 seriousness and urgency of the situation, to ensure the validity of an advance health  
6 care directive or a person's assumption of authority to make health care decisions for a  
7 patient, a health care provider or institution acting in good faith and in accordance  
8 with generally accepted health care standards applicable to the health care provider or  
9 institution is not subject to civil or criminal liability or to discipline for unprofessional  
10 conduct for

11 (1) providing health care information in good faith under  
12 AS 13.52.070;

13 (2) complying with a health care decision of a person based on a  
14 reasonable belief that the person has authority to make a health care decision for a  
15 patient, including a decision to withhold or withdraw health care;

16 (3) declining to comply with a health care decision of a person based  
17 on a reasonable belief that the person then lacked authority;

18 (4) complying with an advance health care directive and reasonably  
19 assuming that the directive was valid when made and has not been revoked or  
20 terminated;

21 (5) participating in the withholding or withdrawal of cardiopulmonary  
22 resuscitation under the direction or with the authorization of a physician or upon  
23 discovery of do not resuscitate identification upon an individual;

24 (6) causing or participating in providing cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
25 or other life-sustaining procedures

26 (A) under AS 13.52.065(e) when an individual has made an  
27 anatomical gift; or

28 (B) because an individual has made a do not resuscitate order  
29 ineffective under AS 13.52.065(f) or another provision of this chapter; or

30 (7) acting in good faith under the terms of this chapter or the law of  
31 another state relating to anatomical gifts.

1 (b) An individual acting as an agent, a guardian, or a surrogate under this  
2 chapter is not subject to civil or criminal liability or to discipline for unprofessional  
3 conduct for health care decisions made in good faith.

4 **Sec. 13.52.090. Statutory damages.** (a) A health care provider or institution  
5 that intentionally violates this chapter is liable to the aggrieved individual or the  
6 individual's estate for damages of \$10,000 or actual damages resulting from the  
7 violation, whichever is greater, plus attorney fees as provided by court rule.

8 (b) A person who intentionally falsifies, forges, conceals, defaces, or  
9 obliterates an individual's advance health care directive or a revocation of an advance  
10 health care directive without the individual's consent, or who coerces or fraudulently  
11 induces an individual to give, revoke, or not to give an advance health care directive,  
12 is liable to that individual for damages of \$10,000 or actual damages resulting from  
13 the action, whichever is greater, plus attorney fees as provided by court rule.

14 **Sec. 13.52.100. Capacity.** (a) This chapter does not affect the right of an  
15 individual to make health care decisions while having capacity to make health care  
16 decisions.

17 (b) An individual is rebuttably presumed to have capacity to make a health  
18 care decision, to give or revoke an advance health care directive, and to designate or  
19 disqualify a surrogate.

20 (c) An individual who is a qualified patient, including an individual for whom  
21 a physician has issued a do not resuscitate order, has the right to make a decision  
22 regarding the use of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other life-sustaining  
23 procedures as long as the individual is able to make the decision. If an individual who  
24 is a qualified patient, including an individual for whom a physician has issued a do not  
25 resuscitate order, is not able to make the decision, the protocol adopted under  
26 AS 13.52.065 for do not resuscitate orders governs a decision regarding the use of  
27 cardiopulmonary resuscitation and other life-sustaining procedures.

28 **Sec. 13.52.110. Status of copy.** A copy of a written advance health care  
29 directive, revocation of an advance health care directive, or designation or  
30 disqualification of an agent or a surrogate has the same effect as the original.

31 **Sec. 13.52.120. Effect of this chapter.** (a) In the absence of evidence to the

1 contrary of the patient's intent, this chapter establishes a presumption in favor of life,  
2 consistent with the best interest of the patient.

3 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, death resulting from the  
4 withholding or withdrawal of cardiopulmonary resuscitation or other life-sustaining  
5 procedures does not, for any purpose, constitute a suicide or homicide if the  
6 withholding or withdrawal is

7 (1) consistent with this chapter; and

8 (2) from an individual

9 (A) for whom a do not resuscitate order has not been issued;

10 (B) for whom a do not resuscitate order has been issued under

11 (i) the protocol for do not resuscitate orders established  
12 under AS 13.52.065; or

13 (ii) a do not resuscitate identification found on the  
14 individual.

15 (c) The issuance of a do not resuscitate order under this chapter, the  
16 possession of do not resuscitate identification under this chapter, or the making of a  
17 health care directive under this chapter does not affect in any manner the sale,  
18 procurement, or issuance of a policy of life insurance, and does not modify the terms  
19 of an existing policy of life insurance. A policy of life insurance is not legally  
20 impaired or invalidated in any manner by the withholding or withdrawal of life-  
21 sustaining procedures from an insured individual or the withholding or withdrawal of  
22 cardiopulmonary resuscitation from an individual who possesses do not resuscitate  
23 identification or for whom a do not resuscitate order has been issued, notwithstanding  
24 any term of the policy to the contrary.

25 (d) This chapter does not authorize mercy killing, assisted suicide, or  
26 euthanasia.

27 (e) This chapter does not authorize or require a health care provider or  
28 institution to provide health care contrary to generally accepted health care standards  
29 applicable to the health care provider or institution.

30 (f) This chapter does not authorize an agent or a surrogate to consent to the  
31 admission of an individual to a mental health facility unless the individual's written

1 advance health care directive expressly so provides, and the period of admission may  
2 not exceed 17 days.

3 (g) This chapter does not affect other statutes of this state governing treatment  
4 for mental illness of an individual involuntarily committed to a mental health facility.

5 **Sec. 13.52.130. Prohibited requirements.** As a condition of receiving or  
6 being insured for health care services, a health care provider, a health care institution,  
7 a health care service plan, an insurer issuing health insurance, a self-insured employee  
8 welfare benefit plan, or a nonprofit hospital plan may not require an individual to  
9 execute a health care directive, obtain a do not resuscitate order from a physician, or  
10 possess do not resuscitate identification.

11 **Sec. 13.52.135. Discriminatory treatment prohibited.** When determining  
12 the best interest of a patient under this chapter, health care treatment may not be  
13 denied to a patient because the patient has a disability or is expected to have a  
14 disability.

15 **Sec. 13.52.140. Judicial relief.** On petition of a patient, the patient's agent,  
16 guardian, or surrogate, or a health care provider or institution involved with the  
17 patient's care, the superior court may enjoin or direct a health care decision or order  
18 other equitable relief. A proceeding under this section is governed by AS 13.26.165 -  
19 13.26.320.

20 **Sec. 13.52.150. Do not resuscitate orders and identification of other**  
21 **jurisdictions.** A do not resuscitate order or a do not resuscitate identification  
22 executed, issued, or authorized in another state or a territory or possession of the  
23 United States in compliance with the law of that jurisdiction is recognized for the  
24 purposes of this chapter. However, the do not resuscitate order or the do not  
25 resuscitate identification may be implemented only to the extent that the  
26 implementation does not conflict with the laws of this state.

27 **Sec. 13.52.160. Determination of qualifying condition.** Whether a patient  
28 has a qualifying condition under this chapter shall be determined by the primary  
29 physician of the patient and by at least one other physician, when another physician is  
30 available. A physician making the determination shall document the grounds for the  
31 determination in the patient's medical record. Permanent unconsciousness shall be

1 determined in consultation with a neurologist.

2 **Sec. 13.52.170. Making, amending, revoking, and refusing to make**  
3 **anatomical gifts by individual.** (a) An individual who is at least 18 years of age  
4 may

5 (1) make an anatomical gift for any of the purposes stated in  
6 AS 13.52.210(a);

7 (2) limit an anatomical gift to one or more of those purposes; or

8 (3) refuse to make an anatomical gift.

9 (b) An anatomical gift may be made only by a document of gift signed by the  
10 donor. If the donor cannot sign, the document of gift shall be signed by another  
11 individual and by two witnesses, all of whom have signed at the direction and in the  
12 presence of the donor and of each other, and state that it has been signed at the  
13 direction and in the presence of the donor and of each other.

14 (c) If a document of gift is attached to or imprinted on a donor's motor vehicle  
15 driver's license, revocation, suspension, expiration, or cancellation of the license does  
16 not invalidate the anatomical gift.

17 (d) A document of gift may designate a particular physician or surgeon to  
18 carry out the appropriate procedures. In the absence of a designation or if the designee  
19 is not available, the donee or other person authorized to accept the anatomical gift may  
20 employ or authorize any physician, surgeon, or technician to carry out the appropriate  
21 procedures.

22 (e) An anatomical gift by will takes effect upon death of the testator, whether  
23 or not the will is probated. If, after death, the will is declared invalid for testamentary  
24 purposes, the validity of the anatomical gift is unaffected.

25 (f) Notwithstanding AS 13.52.020, a donor may amend or revoke an  
26 anatomical gift, not made by will, only by

27 (1) a signed statement;

28 (2) an oral statement made in the presence of two individuals;

29 (3) any form of communication during a terminal illness or injury  
30 addressed to a physician or surgeon; or

31 (4) the delivery of a signed statement to a specified donee to whom a

1 document of gift had been delivered.

2 (g) Notwithstanding AS 13.52.020, the donor of an anatomical gift made by  
3 will may amend or revoke the gift in the manner provided for amendment or  
4 revocation of wills, or as provided in (f) of this section.

5 (h) An anatomical gift that is not revoked by the donor before death is  
6 irrevocable and does not require the consent or concurrence of any person after the  
7 donor's death.

8 (i) An individual may refuse to make an anatomical gift of the individual's  
9 body or part by

10 (1) a writing signed in the same manner as a document of gift;

11 (2) a statement attached to or imprinted on a donor's motor vehicle  
12 operator's or chauffeur's license;

13 (3) any other writing used to identify the individual as refusing to  
14 make an anatomical gift;

15 (4) during a terminal illness or injury, an oral statement or other form  
16 of communication.

17 **Sec. 13.52.180. Making, revoking, and objecting to anatomical gifts by**  
18 **others.** (a) Any member of the following classes of persons, in the order of priority  
19 listed, may make an anatomical gift of all or a part of the decedent's body for an  
20 authorized purpose, unless the decedent, at the time of death, has made an unrevoked  
21 refusal to make that anatomical gift:

22 (1) the spouse of the decedent;

23 (2) an adult son or daughter of the decedent;

24 (3) either parent of the decedent;

25 (4) an adult brother or sister of the decedent;

26 (5) a grandparent of the decedent; and

27 (6) an agent or a surrogate of the decedent at the time of death.

28 (b) An anatomical gift may not be made by a person listed in (a) of this section  
29 if

30 (1) a person in a prior class is available at the time of death to make an  
31 anatomical gift;

1 (2) the person proposing to make an anatomical gift knows of a refusal  
2 or contrary indications by the decedent; or

3 (3) the person proposing to make an anatomical gift knows of an  
4 objection to making an anatomical gift by a member of the person's class or a prior  
5 class.

6 (c) An anatomical gift by a person authorized under (a) of this section shall be  
7 made by

8 (1) a document of gift signed by the person;

9 (2) the person's telegraphic, recorded telephonic, or other recorded  
10 message, or another form of communication from the person that is  
11 contemporaneously reduced to writing and signed by the recipient; or

12 (3) the person's agent or surrogate.

13 (d) An anatomical gift by a person authorized under (a) of this section may be  
14 revoked by any member of the same or a prior class if, before procedures have begun  
15 for the removal of a part from the body of the decedent, the physician, surgeon, or  
16 technician removing the part knows of the revocation.

17 **Sec. 13.52.190. Optional form for anatomical gift by another person.**

18 ANATOMICAL GIFT BY NEXT OF KIN,

19 GUARDIAN, AGENT, OR SURROGATE

20 Under AS 13.52.170 - 13.52.280, I make this anatomical gift  
21 from the body of

22 \_\_\_\_\_

23 (name of decedent)

24 who died on

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The marks in the appropriate squares and the words filled into the blanks below indicate my relationship to the decedent and my wishes respecting the gift.

I survive the decedent as  spouse;  adult son or daughter;  parent;  adult brother or sister;  grandparent; or I am the decedent's  agent under AS 13.52 or  surrogate under AS 13.52.

I hereby give (check boxes applicable):

any needed organs, tissues, or parts;

the following organs, tissues, or parts only:

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the following purposes only:

\_\_\_\_\_.

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(date) (signature of survivor)

\_\_\_\_\_

(address of survivor)

**Sec. 13.52.200. Routine inquiry and required request; search and notification.** (a) If, at or near the time of death of a patient, there is no medical record that the patient has made or refused to make an anatomical gift, the hospital administrator or a designee of the hospital shall contact an organ procurement organization so that the organ procurement organization may discuss the potential to make a gift with the family, agent, or surrogate of the patient. The organ procurement organization shall discuss the potential gift with reasonable discretion and sensitivity to the circumstances of the family.

(b) Notwithstanding (a) of this section, a hospital administrator or other designee of the hospital is not required to contact an organ procurement organization if the gift is not suitable, based on accepted medical standards, for a purpose specified in AS 13.52.210.

(c) An entry shall be made in the medical record of the patient, stating the name and affiliation of the individual from the organ procurement organization who

1 discusses the potential gift with the family, agent, or surrogate under (a) of this  
2 section, and the relationship to the patient of the family member, agent, or surrogate  
3 with whom the potential gift was discussed.

4 (d) The following persons shall make a reasonable search for a document of  
5 gift or other information identifying the bearer as a donor or as an individual who has  
6 refused to make an anatomical gift:

7 (1) a law enforcement officer, fire fighter, paramedic, or other  
8 emergency rescuer finding an individual who the searcher believes is dead or near  
9 death; and

10 (2) a hospital or an organ procurement organization, upon the  
11 admission of an individual at or near the time of death, if there is not immediately  
12 available any other source of that information.

13 (e) If a document of gift or evidence of refusal to make an anatomical gift is  
14 located by the search required by (d)(1) of this section, and the individual or body to  
15 whom it relates is taken to a hospital, the hospital must be notified of the contents, and  
16 the document or other evidence must be sent to the hospital.

17 (f) If, at or near the time of death of a patient, a hospital knows that an  
18 anatomical gift has been made under AS 13.52.170 or 13.52.180(a), or that a patient or  
19 an individual identified as in transit to the hospital is a donor, the hospital shall notify  
20 an organ procurement organization. The hospital shall cooperate in the  
21 implementation of the anatomical gift or release and removal of a part.

22 (g) Notwithstanding AS 13.52.090, a person who fails to discharge the duties  
23 imposed by this section is not subject to criminal or civil liability but is subject to  
24 appropriate administrative sanctions.

25 (h) The commissioner of health and social services shall adopt regulations to  
26 implement (a) - (c) of this section.

27 **Sec. 13.52.210. Persons who may become donees; purposes for which**  
28 **anatomical gifts may be made.** (a) The following persons may become donees of  
29 anatomical gifts for the purposes stated:

30 (1) a hospital, physician, surgeon, or procurement organization for  
31 transplantation, therapy, medical or dental education, research, or advancement of

1 medical or dental science;

2 (2) an accredited medical or dental school, college, or university for  
3 education, research, or advancement of medical or dental science; or

4 (3) a designated individual for transplantation or therapy needed by  
5 that individual.

6 (b) An anatomical gift may be made to a designated donee or without  
7 designating a donee. If a donee is not designated or if the donee is not available or  
8 rejects the anatomical gift, the anatomical gift may be accepted by any hospital.

9 (c) If the donee knows of the decedent's refusal or contrary indications to  
10 make an anatomical gift or that an anatomical gift by a member of a class having  
11 priority to act is opposed by a member of the same class or a prior class under  
12 AS 13.52.180(a), the donee may not accept the anatomical gift.

13 **Sec. 13.52.220. Delivery of document of gift.** (a) Delivery of a document of  
14 gift during the donor's lifetime is not required for the validity of an anatomical gift.

15 (b) If an anatomical gift is made to a designated donee, the document of gift,  
16 or a copy, may be delivered to the donee to expedite the appropriate procedures after  
17 death. The document of gift, or a copy, may be deposited in any hospital, procurement  
18 organization, or registry office that accepts it for safekeeping or for facilitation of  
19 procedures after death. On request of an interested person, upon or after the donor's  
20 death, the person in possession shall allow the interested person to examine or copy  
21 the document of gift.

22 **Sec. 13.52.230. Rights and duties at death.** (a) Rights of a donee created by  
23 an anatomical gift are superior to rights of others except with respect to autopsies  
24 under AS 13.52.260(b). A donee may accept or reject an anatomical gift. If a donee  
25 accepts an anatomical gift of an entire body, the donee, subject to the terms of the gift,  
26 may allow embalming and use of the body in funeral services. If the gift is of a part of  
27 a body, the donee, upon the death of the donor and before embalming, shall cause the  
28 part to be removed without unnecessary mutilation. After removal of the part, custody  
29 of the remainder of the body vests in the person under obligation to dispose of the  
30 body.

31 (b) The time of death of a donor shall be determined by a physician or nurse

1 under AS 09.68.120. A physician who attends the donor at death and a physician who  
2 determines the time of death may not participate in the procedures for removing or  
3 transplanting a part unless the document of gift designates a particular physician under  
4 AS 13.52.170(d).

5 (c) If there has been an anatomical gift, a technician may remove any donated  
6 parts after determination of death by a physician or nurse.

7 **Sec. 13.52.240. Coordination of procurement and use.** Each hospital in this  
8 state, after consultation with other hospitals and procurement organizations, shall  
9 establish agreements or affiliations for coordination of procurement and use of human  
10 bodies and parts.

11 **Sec. 13.52.250. Sale or purchase of parts prohibited.** (a) A person may not  
12 knowingly, for valuable consideration, sell or purchase a part for any purpose.

13 (b) In (a) of this section, "valuable consideration" does not include reasonable  
14 payment for the removal, processing, disposal, preservation, quality control, storage,  
15 transportation, or implantation of the part or entire body.

16 (c) A person who violates this section is guilty of a class C felony.

17 **Sec. 13.52.260. Examination, autopsy, liability.** (a) An anatomical gift  
18 authorizes any reasonable examination necessary to assure medical acceptability of the  
19 gift for the purposes intended.

20 (b) The provisions of AS 13.52.170 - 13.52.280 are subject to the autopsy  
21 provisions of AS 12.65.

22 (c) A hospital, physician, surgeon, coroner, medical examiner, local public  
23 health officer, technician, or other person who acts in accordance with AS 13.52.170 -  
24 13.52.280 or with the applicable anatomical gift law of another state or attempts in  
25 good faith to act in accordance with AS 13.52.170 - 13.52.280 or with the applicable  
26 anatomical gift law of another state is not liable for that act in a civil action or criminal  
27 proceeding.

28 (d) An individual who makes an anatomical gift under AS 13.52.170 or  
29 13.52.180 and the individual's estate are not liable for any injury or damage that may  
30 result from the making or the use of the anatomical gift.

31 **Sec. 13.52.265. Prohibition against authorization by coroner, state**

1 **medical examiner, or local public health official.** The coroner, the state medical  
2 examiner, or a local public health official may not release or permit the removal of a  
3 part from a body within that official's custody based on the fact that the official does  
4 not know of

5 (1) a refusal to make a gift;

6 (2) an indication by the decedent that is contrary to making a gift; or

7 (3) an objection to a gift by a person having priority to act under  
8 AS 13.52.180(a).

9 **Sec. 13.52.270. Applicability provisions.** AS 13.52.170 - 13.52.280 apply to  
10 a document of gift, revocation, or refusal to make an anatomical gift signed by the  
11 donor or a person authorized to make or object to making an anatomical gift before,  
12 on, or after the effective date of this bill section.

13 **Sec. 13.52.275. Construction where mental illness.** In the case of mental  
14 illness, nothing in this chapter may be construed to override or undermine the validity  
15 of a properly executed durable power of attorney for health care.

16 **Sec. 13.52.280. Uniformity of application and construction.** AS 13.52.170  
17 - 13.52.280 shall be applied and construed to carry out their general purpose to make  
18 uniform the law with respect to the subject of AS 13.52.170 - 13.52.280 among states  
19 enacting these provisions.

20 **Sec. 13.52.290. Severability.** If a provision of this chapter, or the application  
21 of this chapter to a person or circumstance is held invalid, including being held  
22 unconstitutional, the invalidity does not affect the other provisions or applications of  
23 this chapter that can be given effect without the invalid provision or application.

24 **Sec. 13.52.300. Optional form.** The following sample form may be used to  
25 create an advance health care directive. The other sections of this chapter govern the  
26 effect of this or any other writing used to create an advance health care directive. This  
27 form may be duplicated. This form may be modified to suit the needs of the person, or  
28 a different form that complies with this chapter may be used, including the mandatory  
29 witnessing requirements:

30 ADVANCE HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE

31 Explanation

1           You have the right to give instructions about your own health  
2 care to the extent allowed by law. You also have the right to name  
3 someone else to make health care decisions for you to the extent  
4 allowed by law. This form lets you do either or both of these things. It  
5 also lets you express your wishes regarding the designation of your  
6 health care provider. If you use this form, you may complete or modify  
7 all or any part of it. You are free to use a different form if the form  
8 complies with the requirements of AS 13.52.

9           Part 1 of this form is a durable power of attorney for health  
10 care. A "durable power of attorney for health care" means the  
11 designation of an agent to make health care decisions for you. Part 1  
12 lets you name another individual as an agent to make health care  
13 decisions for you if you do not have the capacity to make your own  
14 decisions or if you want someone else to make those decisions for you  
15 now even though you still have the capacity to make those decisions.  
16 You may name an alternate agent to act for you if your first choice is  
17 not willing, able, or reasonably available to make decisions for you.  
18 Unless related to you, your agent may not be an owner, operator, or  
19 employee of a health care institution where you are receiving care.

20           Unless the form you sign limits the authority of your agent,  
21 your agent may make all health care decisions for you that you could  
22 legally make for yourself. This form has a place for you to limit the  
23 authority of your agent. You do not have to limit the authority of your  
24 agent if you wish to rely on your agent for all health care decisions that  
25 may have to be made. If you choose not to limit the authority of your  
26 agent, your agent will have the right, to the extent allowed by law, to

27           (a) consent or refuse consent to any care, treatment, service, or  
28 procedure to maintain, diagnose, or otherwise affect a physical or  
29 mental condition, including the administration or discontinuation of  
30 psychotropic medication;

31           (b) select or discharge health care providers and institutions;

1 (c) approve or disapprove proposed diagnostic tests, surgical  
2 procedures, and programs of medication;

3 (d) direct the provision, withholding, or withdrawal of artificial  
4 nutrition and hydration and all other forms of health care; and

5 (e) make an anatomical gift following your death.

6 Part 2 of this form lets you give specific instructions for any  
7 aspect of your health care to the extent allowed by law, except you may  
8 not authorize mercy killing, assisted suicide, or euthanasia. Choices are  
9 provided for you to express your wishes regarding the provision,  
10 withholding, or withdrawal of treatment to keep you alive, including  
11 the provision of artificial nutrition and hydration, as well as the  
12 provision of pain relief medication. Space is provided for you to add to  
13 the choices you have made or for you to write out any additional  
14 wishes.

15 Part 3 of this form lets you express an intention to make an  
16 anatomical gift following your death.

17 Part 4 of this form lets you make decisions in advance about  
18 certain types of mental health treatment.

19 Part 5 of this form lets you designate a physician to have  
20 primary responsibility for your health care.

21 After completing this form, sign and date the form at the end  
22 and have the form witnessed by one of the two alternative methods  
23 listed below. Give a copy of the signed and completed form to your  
24 physician, to any other health care providers you may have, to any  
25 health care institution at which you are receiving care, and to any health  
26 care agents you have named. You should talk to the person you have  
27 named as your agent to make sure that the person understands your  
28 wishes and is willing to take the responsibility.

29 You have the right to revoke this advance health care directive  
30 or replace this form at any time, except that you may not revoke this  
31 declaration when you are determined not to be competent by a court, by

1 two physicians, at least one of whom shall be a psychiatrist, or by both  
2 a physician and a professional mental health clinician. In this advance  
3 health care directive, "competent" means that you have the capacity

4 (1) to assimilate relevant facts and to appreciate and  
5 understand your situation with regard to those facts; and

6 (2) to participate in treatment decisions by means of a  
7 rational thought process.

8 PART 1

9 DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR  
10 HEALTH CARE DECISIONS

11 (1) DESIGNATION OF AGENT. I designate the  
12 following individual as my agent to make health care decisions for me:

13 \_\_\_\_\_

14 (name of individual you choose as agent)

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16 (address) (city) (state) (zip code)

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18 (home telephone) (work telephone)

19 OPTIONAL: If I revoke my agent's authority or if my agent is  
20 not willing, able, or reasonably available to make a health care decision  
21 for me, I designate as my first alternate agent

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23 (name of individual you choose as first alternate agent)

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25 (address) (city) (state) (zip code)

26 \_\_\_\_\_

27 (home telephone) (work telephone)

28 OPTIONAL: If I revoke the authority of my agent and first  
29 alternate agent or if neither is willing, able, or reasonably available to  
30 make a health care decision for me, I designate as my second alternate  
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(name of individual you choose as second alternate agent)  
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(home telephone) (work telephone)

(2) AGENT'S AUTHORITY. My agent is authorized and directed to follow my individual instructions and my other wishes to the extent known to the agent in making all health care decisions for me. If these are not known, my agent is authorized to make these decisions in accordance with my best interest, including decisions to provide, withhold, or withdraw artificial hydration and nutrition and other forms of health care to keep me alive, except as I state here:

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(Add additional sheets if needed.)

Under this authority, "best interest" means that the benefits to you resulting from a treatment outweigh the burdens to you resulting from that treatment after assessing

- (A) the effect of the treatment on your physical, emotional, and cognitive functions;
- (B) the degree of physical pain or discomfort caused to you by the treatment or the withholding or withdrawal of the treatment;
- (C) the degree to which your medical condition, the treatment, or the withholding or withdrawal of treatment, results in a severe and continuing impairment;
- (D) the effect of the treatment on your life expectancy;
- (E) your prognosis for recovery, with and

1 without the treatment;

2 (F) the risks, side effects, and benefits of the  
3 treatment or the withholding of treatment; and

4 (G) your religious beliefs and basic values, to  
5 the extent that these may assist in determining benefits and  
6 burdens.

7 (3) WHEN AGENT'S AUTHORITY BECOMES  
8 EFFECTIVE. Except in the case of mental illness, my agent's authority  
9 becomes effective when my primary physician determines that I am  
10 unable to make my own health care decisions unless I mark the  
11 following box. In the case of mental illness, unless I mark the  
12 following box, my agent's authority becomes effective when a court  
13 determines I am unable to make my own decisions, or, in an  
14 emergency, if my primary physician or another health care provider  
15 determines I am unable to make my own decisions. If I mark this box  
16 [ ], my agent's authority to make health care decisions for me takes  
17 effect immediately.

18 (4) AGENT'S OBLIGATION. My agent shall make  
19 health care decisions for me in accordance with this durable power of  
20 attorney for health care, any instructions I give in Part 2 of this form,  
21 and my other wishes to the extent known to my agent. To the extent  
22 my wishes are unknown, my agent shall make health care decisions for  
23 me in accordance with what my agent determines to be in my best  
24 interest. In determining my best interest, my agent shall consider my  
25 personal values to the extent known to my agent.

26 (5) NOMINATION OF GUARDIAN. If a guardian of  
27 my person needs to be appointed for me by a court, I nominate the  
28 agent designated in this form. If that agent is not willing, able, or  
29 reasonably available to act as guardian, I nominate the alternate agents  
30 whom I have named under (1) above, in the order designated.

31 PART 2

1 INSTRUCTIONS FOR HEALTH CARE

2 If you are satisfied to allow your agent to determine what is best  
3 for you in making health care decisions, you do not need to fill out this  
4 part of the form. If you do fill out this part of the form, you may strike  
5 any wording you do not want. There is a state protocol that governs the  
6 use of do not resuscitate orders by physicians and other health care  
7 providers. You may obtain a copy of the protocol from the Alaska  
8 Department of Health and Social Services. A "do not resuscitate order"  
9 means a directive from a licensed physician that emergency  
10 cardiopulmonary resuscitation should not be administered to you.

11 (6) END-OF-LIFE DECISIONS. Except to the extent  
12 prohibited by law, I direct that my health care providers and others  
13 involved in my care provide, withhold, or withdraw treatment in  
14 accordance with the choice I have marked below: (Check only one  
15 box.)

16  (A) Choice To Prolong Life

17 I want my life to be prolonged as long as  
18 possible within the limits of generally accepted health care  
19 standards; OR

20  (B) Choice Not To Prolong Life

21 I want comfort care only and I do not want my  
22 life to be prolonged with medical treatment if, in the judgment  
23 of my physician, I have (check all choices that represent your  
24 wishes)

25  (i) a condition of permanent  
26 unconsciousness: a condition that, to a high degree of  
27 medical certainty, will last permanently without  
28 improvement; in which, to a high degree of medical  
29 certainty, thought, sensation, purposeful action, social  
30 interaction, and awareness of myself and the  
31 environment are absent; and for which, to a high degree

1 of medical certainty, initiating or continuing life-  
2 sustaining procedures for me, in light of my medical  
3 outcome, will provide only minimal medical benefit for  
4 me; or

5  (ii) a terminal condition: an  
6 incurable or irreversible illness or injury that without the  
7 administration of life-sustaining procedures will result in  
8 my death in a short period of time, for which there is no  
9 reasonable prospect of cure or recovery, that imposes  
10 severe pain or otherwise imposes an inhumane burden  
11 on me, and for which, in light of my medical condition,  
12 initiating or continuing life-sustaining procedures will  
13 provide only minimal medical benefit;

14  Additional instructions: \_\_\_\_\_  
15 \_\_\_\_\_

16 (C) Artificial Nutrition and Hydration. If I am  
17 unable to safely take nutrition, fluids, or nutrition and fluids  
18 (check your choices or write your instructions),

19  I wish to receive artificial nutrition and  
20 hydration indefinitely;

21  I wish to receive artificial nutrition and  
22 hydration indefinitely, unless it clearly increases my suffering  
23 and is no longer in my best interest;

24  I wish to receive artificial nutrition and  
25 hydration on a limited trial basis to see if I can improve;

26  In accordance with my choices in (6)(B)  
27 above, I do not wish to receive artificial nutrition and hydration.

28  Other instructions: \_\_\_\_\_  
29 \_\_\_\_\_

30 (D) Relief from Pain.

31  I direct that adequate treatment be

1 provided at all times for the sole purpose of the  
2 alleviation of pain or discomfort; or

3 [ ] I give these instructions:

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5 \_\_\_\_\_

6 (E) Should I become unconscious and I  
7 am pregnant, I direct that \_\_\_\_\_

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9 \_\_\_\_\_

10 (7) OTHER WISHES. (If you do not agree with any of  
11 the optional choices above and wish to write your own, or if you wish  
12 to add to the instructions you have given above, you may do so here.) I  
13 direct that

14 \_\_\_\_\_  
15 \_\_\_\_\_

16 Conditions or limitations: \_\_\_\_\_

17 \_\_\_\_\_.

18 (Add additional sheets if needed.)

19 PART 3

20 ANATOMICAL GIFT AT DEATH

21 (OPTIONAL)

22 If you are satisfied to allow your agent to determine whether to  
23 make an anatomical gift at your death, you do not need to fill out this  
24 part of the form.

25 (8) Upon my death: (mark applicable box)

26 [ ] (A) I give any needed organs, tissues, or  
27 other body parts, OR

28 [ ] (B) I give the following organs, tissues, or  
29 other body parts only \_\_\_\_\_

30 \_\_\_\_\_

31 [ ] (C) My gift is for the following purposes

(mark any of the following you want):

(i) transplant;

(ii) therapy;

(iii) research;

(iv) education.

(D) I refuse to make an anatomical gift.

PART 4

MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

This part of the declaration allows you to make decisions in advance about mental health treatment. The instructions that you include in this declaration will be followed only if a court, two physicians that include a psychiatrist, or a physician and a professional mental health clinician believe that you are not competent and cannot make treatment decisions. Otherwise, you will be considered to be competent and to have the capacity to give or withhold consent for the treatments.

If you are satisfied to allow your agent to determine what is best for you in making these mental health decisions, you do not need to fill out this part of the form. If you do fill out this part of the form, you may strike any wording you do not want.

(9) PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATIONS. If I do not have the capacity to give or withhold informed consent for mental health treatment, my wishes regarding psychotropic medications are as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ I consent to the administration of the following medications: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I do not consent to the administration of the following medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Conditions or limitations: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

(10) ELECTROCONVULSIVE TREATMENT. If I do

1 not have the capacity to give or withhold informed consent for mental  
2 health treatment, my wishes regarding electroconvulsive treatment are  
3 as follows:

4 \_\_\_\_\_ I consent to the administration of electroconvulsive  
5 treatment.

6 \_\_\_\_\_ I do not consent to the administration of  
7 electroconvulsive treatment.

8 Conditions or limitations: \_\_\_\_\_

9 \_\_\_\_\_.

10 (11) ADMISSION TO AND RETENTION IN  
11 FACILITY. If I do not have the capacity to give or withhold informed  
12 consent for mental health treatment, my wishes regarding admission to  
13 and retention in a mental health facility for mental health treatment are  
14 as follows:

15 \_\_\_\_\_ I consent to being admitted to a mental health facility  
16 for mental health treatment for up to \_\_\_\_\_ days. (The number of  
17 days not to exceed 17.)

18 \_\_\_\_\_ I do not consent to being admitted to a mental health  
19 facility for mental health treatment.

20 Conditions or limitations: \_\_\_\_\_

21 \_\_\_\_\_.

22 OTHER WISHES OR INSTRUCTIONS

23 \_\_\_\_\_

24 \_\_\_\_\_

25 \_\_\_\_\_

26 Conditions or limitations: \_\_\_\_\_

27 \_\_\_\_\_.

28 PART 5

29 PRIMARY PHYSICIAN

30 (OPTIONAL)

31 (12) I designate the following physician as my primary

1 physician:

2 \_\_\_\_\_

3 (name of physician)

4 \_\_\_\_\_

5 (address) (city) (state) (zip code)

6 \_\_\_\_\_

7 (telephone)

8 OPTIONAL: If the physician I have designated above is  
9 not willing, able, or reasonably available to act as my primary  
10 physician, I designate the following physician as my primary physician:

11 \_\_\_\_\_

12 (name of physician)

13 \_\_\_\_\_

14 (address) (city) (state) (zip code)

15 \_\_\_\_\_

16 (telephone)

17 (13) EFFECT OF COPY. A copy of this form has the  
18 same effect as the original.

19 (14) SIGNATURES. Sign and date the form here:

20 \_\_\_\_\_

21 (date) (sign your name)

22 \_\_\_\_\_

23 (print your name)

24 \_\_\_\_\_

25 (address) (city) (state) (zip code)

26 (15) WITNESSES. This advance care health directive  
27 will not be valid for making health care decisions unless it is

28 (A) signed by two qualified adult witnesses who  
29 are personally known to you and who are present when you sign  
30 or acknowledge your signature; the witnesses may not be a  
31 health care provider employed at the health care institution or

1 health care facility where you are receiving health care, an  
2 employee of the health care provider who is providing health  
3 care to you, an employee of the health care institution or health  
4 care facility where you are receiving health care, or the person  
5 appointed as your agent by this document; at least one of the  
6 two witnesses may not be related to you by blood, marriage, or  
7 adoption or entitled to a portion of your estate upon your death  
8 under your will or codicil; or

9 (B) acknowledged before a notary public in the  
10 state.

11 ALTERNATIVE NO. 1

12 Witness Who is Not Related to or a Devisee of the Principal

13 I swear under penalty of perjury under  
14 AS 11.56.200 that the principal is personally known to me, that  
15 the principal signed or acknowledged this durable power of  
16 attorney for health care in my presence, that the principal  
17 appears to be of sound mind and under no duress, fraud, or  
18 undue influence, and that I am not

19 (1) a health care provider employed at the health care  
20 institution or health care facility where the principal is receiving health  
21 care;

22 (2) an employee of the health care provider providing  
23 health care to the principal;

24 (3) an employee of the health care institution or health  
25 care facility where the principal is receiving health care;

26 (4) the person appointed as agent by this document;

27 (5) related to the principal by blood, marriage, or  
28 adoption; or

29 (6) entitled to a portion of the principal's estate upon the  
30 principal's death under a will or codicil.

31

1 (date) (signature of witness)

2 \_\_\_\_\_  
3 (printed name of witness)

4 \_\_\_\_\_  
5 (address) (city) (state) (zip code)

6 Witness Who May be Related to or a Devisee of the Principal

7 I swear under penalty of perjury under AS 11.56.200  
8 that the principal is personally known to me, that the principal signed or  
9 acknowledged this durable power of attorney for health care in my  
10 presence, that the principal appears to be of sound mind and under no  
11 duress, fraud, or undue influence, and that I am not

12 (1) a health care provider employed at the health care  
13 institution or health care facility where the principal is receiving health  
14 care;

15 (2) an employee of the health care provider who is  
16 providing health care to the principal;

17 (3) an employee of the health care institution or health  
18 care facility where the principal is receiving health care; or

19 (4) the person appointed as agent by this document.

20 \_\_\_\_\_  
21 (date) (signature of witness)

22 \_\_\_\_\_  
23 (printed name of witness)

24 \_\_\_\_\_  
25 (address) (city) (state) (zip code)

26 ALTERNATIVE NO. 2

27 State of Alaska

28 \_\_\_\_\_ Judicial District

29 On this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, in the year

30 \_\_\_\_\_, before me, \_\_\_\_\_

31 (insert name of notary public) appeared

1 \_\_\_\_\_, personally known to me (or  
2 proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence) to be the person  
3 whose name is subscribed to this instrument, and acknowledged that  
4 the person executed it.

5 Notary Seal

6 \_\_\_\_\_  
7 (signature of notary public)

8 **Sec. 13.52.390. Definitions.** In this chapter, unless the context otherwise  
9 requires,

10 (1) "advance health care directive" means an individual instruction or a  
11 durable power of attorney for health care;

12 (2) "agent" means an individual designated in a durable power of  
13 attorney for health care to make a health care decision for the individual granting the  
14 power;

15 (3) "anatomical gift" means an individual instruction that makes a  
16 donation of all or a part of an individual's body to take effect upon or after death;

17 (4) "artificial nutrition and hydration" means medically appropriate  
18 nutrition and hydration delivered

19 (A) through an intravenous needle placed directly in a vein; or

20 (B) by a tube that is inserted into a functioning gastrointestinal  
21 tract;

22 (5) "available" means, when referring to a person, that the

23 (A) person's existence is known;

24 (B) person can be contacted;

25 (C) person does not lack capacity;

26 (D) person does not refuse to accept the position; and

27 (E) person is willing to make a health care decision;

28 (6) "best interest" means that the benefits to the individual resulting  
29 from a treatment outweigh the burdens to the individual resulting from that treatment  
30 after assessing

31 (A) the effect of the treatment on the physical, emotional, and

1 cognitive functions of the patient;

2 (B) the degree of physical pain or discomfort caused to the  
3 individual by the treatment or the withholding or withdrawal of the treatment;

4 (C) the degree to which the individual's medical condition, the  
5 treatment, or the withholding or withdrawal of treatment results in a severe and  
6 continuing impairment;

7 (D) the effect of the treatment on the life expectancy of the  
8 patient;

9 (E) the prognosis of the patient for recovery, with and without  
10 the treatment;

11 (F) the risks, side effects, and benefits of the treatment or the  
12 withholding of treatment; and

13 (G) the religious beliefs and basic values of the individual  
14 receiving treatment, to the extent that these may assist the decision-maker to  
15 determine benefits and burdens;

16 (7) "capacity," except in (9) of this section, means an individual's  
17 ability to receive and evaluate information effectively or communicate decisions to the  
18 extent necessary to make mental health treatment decisions;

19 (8) "cardiopulmonary resuscitation" means an attempt to restore  
20 spontaneous circulation;

21 (9) "competent" means that an individual has the capacity

22 (A) to assimilate relevant facts and to appreciate and  
23 understand the individual's situation with regard to those facts; and

24 (B) to participate in treatment decisions by means of a rational  
25 thought process;

26 (10) "decedent" means a deceased individual or infant, but does not  
27 include a dead or stillborn fetus;

28 (11) "department" means the Department of Health and Social  
29 Services;

30 (12) "document of gift" means a card, a statement attached to or  
31 imprinted on a driver's license, a will, an advance health care directive under

1 AS 13.52.300, or another writing used to make an anatomical gift;

2 (13) "donor" means an individual who makes an anatomical gift;

3 (14) "do not resuscitate identification" means an identification card,  
4 form, necklace, or bracelet that carries the standardized design or symbol developed  
5 by the department under AS 13.52.065 to signify, when carried or worn, that the  
6 carrier or wearer is an individual for whom a physician has issued a do not resuscitate  
7 order;

8 (15) "do not resuscitate order" means a directive from a licensed  
9 physician that emergency cardiopulmonary resuscitation should not be administered to  
10 a qualified patient;

11 (16) "durable power of attorney for health care" means a power of  
12 attorney that remains in effect when the principal lacks capacity; in this paragraph,  
13 "power of attorney" means the designation of an agent to make health care decisions  
14 for the individual granting the power;

15 (17) "generally accepted health care standards" includes the protocol  
16 for do not resuscitate orders that is adopted under AS 13.52.065;

17 (18) "guardian" means a judicially appointed person having authority  
18 to make a health care decision for an individual;

19 (19) "health care" means any care, treatment, service, or procedure to  
20 maintain, diagnose, or otherwise affect an individual's physical or mental condition;

21 (20) "health care decision" means a decision made by an individual or  
22 the individual's agent, guardian, or surrogate regarding the individual's health care,  
23 including

24 (A) selection and discharge of health care providers and  
25 institutions;

26 (B) approval or disapproval of proposed diagnostic tests,  
27 surgical procedures, and programs of medication;

28 (C) direction to provide, withhold, or withdraw artificial  
29 nutrition and hydration if providing, withholding, or withdrawing artificial  
30 nutrition, artificial hydration, or artificial nutrition and hydration is in accord  
31 with generally accepted health care standards applicable to health care

1 providers or institutions;

2 (D) the administration or withdrawal of psychotropic  
3 medications, the use of electroconvulsive treatment, and the admission to a  
4 mental health facility; and

5 (E) making an anatomical gift at death;

6 (21) "health care facility" means a nursing home, a rehabilitation  
7 center, a long-term care facility, and any other health care institution that administers  
8 health care and that provides overnight stays in the ordinary course of the facility's  
9 business;

10 (22) "health care institution" means an institution, facility, or agency  
11 licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized or permitted by law to provide health care  
12 in the ordinary course of business;

13 (23) "health care provider" means an individual licensed, certified, or  
14 otherwise authorized or permitted by law to provide health care in the ordinary course  
15 of business or practice of a profession;

16 (24) "hospital" means a facility

17 (A) licensed, accredited, or approved as a hospital under the  
18 laws of this state; or

19 (B) operated as a hospital by the United States government, this  
20 state, or a subdivision of this state;

21 (25) "individual instruction" means an individual's direction  
22 concerning a health care decision for the individual;

23 (26) "life-sustaining procedures" means any medical treatment,  
24 procedure, or intervention that, in the judgment of the primary physician, when  
25 applied to a patient with a qualifying condition, would not be effective to remove the  
26 qualifying condition, would serve only to prolong the dying process, or, when  
27 administered to a patient with a condition of permanent unconsciousness, may keep  
28 the patient alive but is not expected to restore consciousness; in this paragraph,  
29 "medical treatment, procedure, or intervention" includes assisted ventilation, renal  
30 dialysis, surgical procedures, blood transfusions, and the administration of drugs,  
31 including antibiotics, or artificial nutrition and hydration;

1 (27) "mental health facility" has the meaning given to "designated  
2 treatment facility" in AS 47.30.915;

3 (28) "mental health treatment" means electroconvulsive treatment,  
4 treatment with psychotropic medication, or admission to and retention in a health care  
5 institution for mental health treatment;

6 (29) "organ procurement organization" means an organization that has  
7 been designated by the United States Department of Health and Human Services to  
8 coordinate activities for the procurement of body parts for any portion of this state;

9 (30) "part" means an organ, tissue, an eye, a bone, an artery, blood,  
10 fluid, or another portion of a human body, except fetal tissue;

11 (31) "permanent unconsciousness" means a condition

12 (A) that, to a high degree of medical certainty, will last  
13 permanently without improvement;

14 (B) in which, to a high degree of medical certainty, thought,  
15 sensation, purposeful action, social interaction, and awareness of self and the  
16 environment are absent; and

17 (C) for which, to a high degree of medical certainty, initiating  
18 or continuing life-sustaining procedures, in light of the patient's medical  
19 outcome, provides only minimal medical benefit;

20 (32) "person" means an individual, corporation, business trust, estate,  
21 trust, partnership, joint venture, association, government, governmental subdivision,  
22 governmental agency, or another legal or commercial entity;

23 (33) "physician" or "surgeon" means an individual licensed or  
24 otherwise authorized to practice medicine and surgery or osteopathy and surgery under  
25 the laws of any state;

26 (34) "primary physician" means a physician designated by an  
27 individual, or by the individual's agent, guardian, or surrogate, to have primary  
28 responsibility for the individual's health care or, in the absence of a designation or if  
29 the designated physician is not reasonably available, a physician who undertakes the  
30 responsibility;

31 (35) "qualified patient" means a patient with a qualifying condition

1 who is eligible for do not resuscitate identification;

2 (36) "qualifying condition" means a terminal condition or permanent  
3 unconsciousness in a patient;

4 (37) "reasonably available" means available using a level of diligence  
5 appropriate to the seriousness and urgency of an individual's health care needs;

6 (38) "state" means a state, territory, or possession of the United States,  
7 the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico;

8 (39) "supervising health care provider" means the primary physician or  
9 the physician's designee, or the health care provider or the provider's designee who has  
10 undertaken primary responsibility for an individual's health care;

11 (40) "surrogate" means an individual, other than a patient's agent or  
12 guardian, authorized under this chapter to make a health care decision for the patient;

13 (41) "technician" means an individual who is licensed or certified by  
14 the State Medical Board to remove or process a part;

15 (42) "terminal condition" means an incurable or irreversible illness or  
16 injury

17 (A) that without administration of life-sustaining procedures  
18 will result in death in a short period of time;

19 (B) for which there is no reasonable prospect of cure or  
20 recovery;

21 (C) that imposes severe pain or otherwise imposes an inhumane  
22 burden on the patient; and

23 (D) for which, in light of the patient's medical condition,  
24 initiating or continuing life-sustaining procedures will provide only minimal  
25 medical benefit.

26 **Sec. 13.52.395. Short title.** This chapter may be cited as the Health Care  
27 Decisions Act.

28 \* **Sec. 4.** AS 18.65.311 is amended to read:

29 **Sec. 18.65.311. Anatomical gift [OR LIVING WILL DOCUMENT].** (a)

30 The department shall provide, at the time that an identification card is issued, a form  
31 for a document by which the card holder may make an anatomical gift under AS 13.52

1 [AS 13.50 (UNIFORM ANATOMICAL GIFTS ACT) OR A LIVING WILL UNDER  
2 AS 18.12 (LIVING WILLS AND DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDERS)]. The  
3 document (1) may not be larger than an identification card, (2) must contain sufficient  
4 space for the signature of two witnesses [OR A PERSON WHO IS QUALIFIED TO  
5 TAKE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS UNDER AS 09.63.010], **and** (3) [MUST USE THE  
6 FORMS AND DESIGNS DEVELOPED UNDER AS 18.12.037, AND (4)] must  
7 provide a means by which the card holder may cancel the gift [OR THE LIVING  
8 WILL]. If the document is executed by the applicant, it shall be sealed in plastic and  
9 attached to the identification card. [A SYMBOL DEVELOPED UNDER  
10 AS 18.12.037 INDICATING THE EXISTENCE OF THE ANATOMICAL GIFT OR  
11 LIVING WILL DOCUMENT MUST BE DISPLAYED IN THE LOWER RIGHT-  
12 HAND CORNER ON THE FACE OF THE IDENTIFICATION CARD.]

13 (b) An employee of the department who processes an identification card  
14 application, other than an application received by mail, shall ask the applicant orally  
15 whether the applicant wishes to execute an anatomical gift [OR A LIVING WILL].  
16 The department shall, by placement of posters and brochures in the office where the  
17 application is taken, and by oral advice, if requested, make known to the applicant the  
18 procedure necessary to execute **an anatomical** [A] gift under **AS 13.52** [AS 13.50 OR  
19 A LIVING WILL UNDER AS 18.12].

20 \* **Sec. 5.** AS 28.10.021(c) is amended to read:

21 (c) An employee of the department who processes an application for  
22 registration or renewal of registration, other than an application received by mail or an  
23 application for registration under AS 28.10.152, shall ask the applicant orally whether  
24 the applicant wishes to execute an anatomical gift [OR A LIVING WILL]. The  
25 department shall make known to all applicants the procedure for executing **an**  
26 **anatomical** [A] gift under **AS 13.52 (Health Care Decisions Act)** [AS 13.50  
27 (UNIFORM ANATOMICAL GIFTS ACT) OR A LIVING WILL UNDER AS 18.12  
28 (LIVING WILLS AND DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDERS)] by displaying posters  
29 in the offices in which applications are taken, by providing a brochure or other written  
30 information to each person who applies in person or by mail, and, if requested, by  
31 providing oral advice.

1 \* **Sec. 6.** AS 28.15.061(d) is amended to read:

2 (d) An employee of the department who processes a driver's license  
3 application, other than an application received by mail, shall ask the applicant orally  
4 whether the applicant wishes to execute an anatomical gift [OR A LIVING WILL].  
5 The department shall make known to all applicants the procedure for executing **an**  
6 **anatomical** [A] gift under **AS 13.52 (Health Care Decisions Act)** [AS 13.50  
7 (UNIFORM ANATOMICAL GIFTS ACT) OR A LIVING WILL UNDER AS 18.12  
8 (LIVING WILLS AND DO NOT RESUSCITATE ORDERS)] by displaying posters  
9 in the offices in which applications are taken, by providing a brochure or other written  
10 information to each person who applies in person or by mail, and, if requested, by  
11 providing oral advice.

12 \* **Sec. 7.** AS 28.15.111(b) is amended to read:

13 (b) The department shall provide, at the time that an operator's license is  
14 issued, a form for a document by which the owner of a license may make an  
15 anatomical gift under **AS 13.52** [AS 13.50 OR A LIVING WILL UNDER AS 18.12].  
16 The document (1) may not be larger than an operator's license, (2) must contain  
17 sufficient space for the signature of two witnesses [OR A PERSON WHO IS  
18 QUALIFIED TO TAKE ACKNOWLEDGMENTS UNDER AS 09.63.010], **and** (3)  
19 [MUST USE THE FORMS AND DESIGNS DEVELOPED UNDER AS 18.12.037,  
20 AND (4)] must provide a means by which the owner may cancel the **anatomical** gift  
21 [OR THE LIVING WILL]. If the document is executed by the applicant, it shall be  
22 sealed in plastic and attached to the license. [A SYMBOL DEVELOPED UNDER  
23 AS 18.12.037 INDICATING THE EXISTENCE OF THE ANATOMICAL GIFT OR  
24 LIVING WILL DOCUMENT MUST BE DISPLAYED IN THE LOWER RIGHT-  
25 HAND CORNER ON THE FACE OF THE DRIVER'S LICENSE.]

26 \* **Sec. 8.** AS 47.30 is amended by adding a new section to article 9 to read:

27 **Sec. 47.30.817. Advance health care directives.** A health care provider or a  
28 health care institution may not require or prohibit the execution or revocation of an  
29 advance health care directive as a condition for admission, discharge, or providing  
30 health care. In this section, "advance health care directive," "health care institution,"  
31 and "health care provider" have the meanings given in AS 13.52.390.

1 \* **Sec. 9.** AS 47.30.825(b) is amended to read:

2 (b) The patient and the following persons, at the request of the patient, are  
3 entitled to participate in formulating the patient's individualized treatment plan and to  
4 participate in the evaluation process as much as possible, at minimum to the extent of  
5 requesting specific forms of therapy, inquiring why specific therapies are or are not  
6 included in the treatment program, and being informed as to the patient's present  
7 medical and psychological condition and prognosis: (1) the patient's counsel, (2) the  
8 patient's guardian, (3) a mental health professional previously engaged in the patient's  
9 care outside of the evaluation facility or designated treatment facility, (4) a  
10 representative of the patient's choice, (5) a person designated as the patient's **agent or**  
11 **surrogate** [ATTORNEY-IN-FACT] with regard to mental health treatment decisions  
12 under **AS 13.52** [AS 13.26.332 - 13.26.358, AS 47.30.950 - 47.30.980, OR OTHER  
13 POWER-OF-ATTORNEY], and (6) the adult designated under AS 47.30.725. The  
14 mental health care professionals may not withhold any of the information described in  
15 this subsection from the patient or from others if the patient has signed a waiver of  
16 confidentiality or has designated the person who would receive the information as an  
17 **agent or surrogate under AS 13.52** [ATTORNEY-IN-FACT] with regard to mental  
18 health treatment.

19 \* **Sec. 10.** AS 47.30.825(f) is amended to read:

20 (f) A patient capable of giving informed consent has the absolute right to  
21 accept or refuse electroconvulsive therapy or aversive conditioning. A patient who  
22 lacks substantial capacity to make this decision may not be given this therapy or  
23 conditioning without a court order unless the patient expressly authorized that  
24 particular form of treatment in **an advance health care directive** [A  
25 DECLARATION] properly executed under **AS 13.52** [AS 47.30.950 - 47.30.980] or  
26 has authorized an **agent or surrogate under AS 13.52** [ATTORNEY-IN-FACT] to  
27 make this decision and the **agent or surrogate** [ATTORNEY-IN-FACT] consents to  
28 the treatment on behalf of the patient.

29 \* **Sec. 11.** AS 47.30.836 is amended to read:

30 **Sec. 47.30.836. Psychotropic medication in nonemergency.** An evaluation  
31 facility or designated treatment facility may not administer psychotropic medication to

1 a patient in a situation that does not involve a crisis under AS 47.30.838(a)(1) unless  
2 the patient

3 (1) has the capacity to give informed consent to the medication, as  
4 described in AS 47.30.837, and gives that consent; the facility shall document the  
5 consent in the patient's medical chart;

6 (2) authorized the use of psychotropic medication in **an advance**  
7 **health care directive** [A DECLARATION] properly executed under **AS 13.52**  
8 [AS 47.30.950 - 47.30.980] or authorized an **agent or surrogate under AS 13.52**  
9 [ATTORNEY-IN-FACT] to consent to the use of psychotropic medication for the  
10 patient and the **agent or surrogate** [ATTORNEY-IN-FACT] does consent; or

11 (3) is determined by a court to lack the capacity to give informed  
12 consent to the medication and the court approves use of the medication under  
13 AS 47.30.839.

14 \* **Sec. 12.** AS 47.30.838(d) is amended to read:

15 (d) An evaluation facility or designated treatment facility may administer  
16 psychotropic medication to a patient without the patient's informed consent if the  
17 patient is unable to give informed consent but has authorized the use of psychotropic  
18 medication in **an advance health care directive** [A DECLARATION] properly  
19 executed under **AS 13.52** [AS 47.30.950 - 47.30.980] or has authorized an **agent or**  
20 **surrogate under AS 13.52** [ATTORNEY-IN-FACT] to consent to this form of  
21 treatment for the patient and the **agent or surrogate** [ATTORNEY-IN-FACT] does  
22 consent.

23 \* **Sec. 13.** AS 47.30.839(d) is amended to read:

24 (d) Upon the filing of a petition under (b) of this section, the court shall direct  
25 the office of public advocacy to provide a visitor to assist the court in investigating the  
26 issue of whether the patient has the capacity to give or withhold informed consent to  
27 the administration of psychotropic medication. The visitor shall gather pertinent  
28 information and present it to the court in written or oral form at the hearing. The  
29 information must include documentation of the following:

30 (1) the patient's responses to a capacity assessment instrument  
31 administered at the request of the visitor;

1 (2) any expressed wishes of the patient regarding medication,  
2 including wishes that may have been expressed in a power of attorney, a living will,  
3 **an advance health care directive under AS 13.52**, or oral statements of the patient,  
4 including conversations with relatives and friends that are significant persons in the  
5 patient's life as those conversations are remembered by the relatives and friends; oral  
6 statements of the patient should be accompanied by a description of the circumstances  
7 under which the patient made the statements, when possible.

8 \* **Sec. 14.** AS 47.33.070(a) is amended to read:

9 (a) An assisted living home shall maintain, for each resident of the home, a  
10 file that includes

11 (1) the name and birth date, and, if provided by the resident, the social  
12 security number of the resident;

13 (2) the name, address, and telephone number of the resident's closest  
14 relative, service coordinator, if any, and representative, if any;

15 (3) a statement of what actions, if any, the resident's representative is  
16 authorized to take on the resident's behalf;

17 (4) a copy of the resident's assisted living plan;

18 (5) a copy of the residential services contract between the home and  
19 the resident;

20 (6) a notice, as required under AS 47.33.030, regarding the depository  
21 in which the resident's advance payment money is being held;

22 (7) written **acknowledgment** [ACKNOWLEDGEMENT] by the  
23 resident or the resident's representative that the resident has received a copy of and has  
24 read, or has been read the

25 (A) resident's rights under AS 47.33.300;

26 (B) resident's right to pursue a grievance under AS 47.33.340;

27 (C) resident's right to protection from retaliation under  
28 AS 47.33.350;

29 (D) provisions of AS 47.33.510, regarding immunity; and

30 (E) home's house rules;

31 (8) an **acknowledgment** [ACKNOWLEDGEMENT] and agreement

1 relating to home safekeeping and management of the resident's money, as required by  
2 AS 47.33.040;

3 (9) a copy of the resident's living will, if any, **or an advance health**  
4 **care directive made under AS 13.52, if any**; and

5 (10) a copy of a power of attorney or other written designation,  
6 **including an advance health care directive made under AS 13.52**, of an agent,  
7 representative, or surrogate by the resident.

8 \* **Sec. 15.** AS 13.26.332(L), 13.26.335(1), 13.26.344(l); AS 13.50.010, 13.50.014,  
9 13.50.016, 13.50.020, 13.50.030, 13.50.040, 13.50.050, 13.50.060, 13.50.065, 13.50.068,  
10 13.50.070, 13.50.080, 13.50.090; AS 18.12.010, 18.12.020, 18.12.030, 18.12.035, 18.12.037,  
11 18.12.040, 18.12.050, 18.12.060, 18.12.070, 18.12.080, 18.12.090, 18.12.100; AS 47.30.950,  
12 47.30.952, 47.30.954, 47.30.956, 47.30.958, 47.30.960, 47.30.962, 47.30.964, 47.30.966,  
13 47.30.968, 47.30.970, 47.30.972, and 47.30.980 are repealed.

14 \* **Sec. 16.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
15 read:

16 CONTINUING EFFECT OF EXISTING DOCUMENTS. (a) An anatomical gift  
17 made under AS 13.50 or AS 18.12, repealed by sec. 15 of this Act, before the effective date of  
18 secs. 1 - 15 of this Act continues in effect under AS 13.50 or AS 18.12, as those chapters exist  
19 before the effective date of secs. 1 - 15 of this Act, until the donation is revoked.

20 (b) A power of attorney that is made under AS 13.26.332(L), 13.26.335(1), or  
21 13.26.344(l), repealed by sec. 15 of this Act, before the effective date of secs. 1 - 15 of this  
22 Act and that contains authority for health care services under AS 13.26.332(L),  
23 AS 13.26.335(1), or 13.26.344(l), repealed by sec. 15 of this Act, continues in effect under  
24 AS 13.26.332(L), 13.26.335(1), and 13.26.344(l), as those provisions exist before the  
25 effective date of secs. 1 - 15 of this Act, until the power of attorney is revoked.

26 (c) A declaration made under AS 18.12, repealed by sec. 15 of this Act, before the  
27 effective date of secs. 1 - 15 of this Act continues in effect under AS 18.12, as that chapter  
28 exists before the effective date of secs. 1 - 15 of this Act, until the declaration is revoked.

29 (d) A declaration made under AS 47.30.950 - 47.30.980, repealed by sec. 15 of this  
30 Act, before the effective date of secs. 1 - 15 of this Act continues in effect under  
31 AS 47.30.950 - 47.30.980, as those sections exist before the effective date of secs. 1 - 15 of

1 this Act, until the declaration is revoked.

2 \* **Sec. 17.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
3 read:

4 EFFECT ON EXISTING INSURANCE POLICIES AND ANNUITIES.  
5 AS 13.52.120(c), added by sec. 3 of this Act, does not apply to a policy of insurance or an  
6 annuity that was entered into before the effective date of secs. 1 - 15 of this Act.

7 \* **Sec. 18.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
8 read:

9 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The Department of Health and Social Services  
10 may proceed to adopt regulations necessary to implement the changes made by secs. 1 - 15 of  
11 this Act. The regulations take effect under AS 44.62 (Administrative Procedure Act), but not  
12 before January 1, 2005.

13 \* **Sec. 19.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to  
14 read:

15 CONTINUING EFFECT OF CURRENT REGULATIONS. (a) The regulations  
16 found at 7 AAC 16, as modified by (b) of this section, continue in effect on and after  
17 January 1, 2005, until the Department of Health and Social Services adopts the regulations  
18 authorized under sec. 18 of this Act.

19 (b) The regulations attorney in the Department of Law shall

20 (1) in 7 AAC 16.010(a), replace the reference to "AS 18.12.035(b)" with  
21 "AS 13.52.065(b)";

22 (2) in 7 AAC 16.010(d)(4), replace the reference to "AS 18.12.090" with  
23 "AS 13.52.150";

24 (3) in 7 AAC 16.010(f) and (g), replace the reference to "AS 18.12" with  
25 "AS 13.52";

26 (4) in 7 AAC 16.090(1), replace the reference to "AS 18.12.100" with  
27 "AS 13.52.390";

28 (5) in 7 AAC 16.090(3), replace "'do-not-resuscitate order" in AS 18.12.100"  
29 with "'do not resuscitate order" in AS 13.52.390."

30 \* **Sec. 20.** Section 18 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

31 \* **Sec. 21.** Except as provided in sec. 20 of this Act, this Act takes effect January 1, 2005.