

# Psychiatric Advance Directives

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What?

# Declaration for Mental Health Treatment

- Psychoactive Medications
- Convulsive Treatment
- Preferences for Emergency Treatment

# Information for Law Enforcement/Crisis Personnel

- Things that may help de-escalate.
- Things that may cause escalation.
- Critical insights and information.

## Identification of:

- Medical Power of Attorney
- Veteran status
- Next of kin

# Preferences Regarding Notification of Others

- Individual may not be able to contact loved ones upon hospital engagement.
- HIPAA waived for notification only.

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Why?

Civil



# Critical Information for doctors, mental health agencies and lawyers.

- Coordination of care
- Treatment compliance/buy in
- Avoiding/reducing crises
- Bottom up rather than top down supports and services











Criminal

Critical Information for law enforcement, Courts, lawyers, community supervision, jails, medical personnel.

- Avoid the crisis.
- De-escalate.
- Avoid an arrest.
- Change the dynamic/relationship with law enforcement.
- Improve the situation within the jail.
- Empower the magistrate.



# Competency





Critical Information for law enforcement, Courts, lawyers, community supervision, jails, medical personnel.

- Reduce the competency route.
- Empower the Court. Terms of probation.
- Improve chances for probation success.
- Create a mechanism for civil/criminal coordination.
- Address issues when they arrive - modify rather than revoke.

Proactive not reactive

# Document Integrity

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