

Who Can Be My Patient Advocate?

Anyone who is 18 years or older, does not have a guardian, and competent may be a patient advocate.

Do I have to have a Patient Advocate?

In most states, an advance directive is only valid if you have named a patient advocate/agent. So it is best to name one whenever possible.

Psychiatric Advance Directive

What is a Psychiatric Advance Directive?

A psychiatric advance directive is a legal document that tells healthcare providers what your treatment choices are during psychiatric emergencies. You create a psychiatric advance directive before an emergency happens. Then, if there is a psychiatric emergency where you are not able to say what treatment you do or do not want, the psychiatric directive would explain your wishes.

A copy of your psychiatric advance directive should be kept in your medical/mental health records, at your doctor's office, in your home, and with your patient advocate.

Who Can Have a Psychiatric Advance Directive?

In the state of Michigan, an adult "of sound mind" may have a psychiatric advance directive. So, if you have a guardian, or the court finds you are not able to make your own treatment decisions, you would not be able to have an advance directive.

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Advance Directives

What is a Psychiatric and/or Medical Advance Directive?

Summit Pointe supports our customer's right to their own choices for Advance Directives where the 42 C.F.R. 422.128 law allows.

This brochure will help you with what your options are for psychiatric and/or medical care, and explain how to designate another person(s) to make decisions for you in the event you are unable to make them for yourself.

If you need help with this information, please contact your case worker, therapist, or Summit Pointe Customer Service.

Medical Advance Directive

What is a Medical Advance Directive?

A medical advance directive is a legal document that tells healthcare providers what your medical treatment choices are during certain medical emergencies. You create a medical advance directive before a medical emergency happens. Then, if there is an emergency where you are not able to say what treatment you do/do not want, the medical advance directive would state your wishes.

A copy of your advance directive should be kept in your medical/mental health records, at your doctor's office, in your home, and with your patient advocate.

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Summit Pointe Customer Service
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Who Can Have a Medical Advance Directive?

In the state of Michigan, an adult “of sound mind” may have a medical advance directive. So, if you have a guardian, or the court finds you are not able to make your own treatment decisions, you would not be able to have an advance directive.

Michigan law states that certain people may not witness an advance directive on your behalf. This includes guardians, spouses, other family members, healthcare workers or anyone who would get gifts/income at the time of your death.

How Would I Create a Medical Advance Directive?

There are forms that you may use to write a medical advance directive. Your case manager and/or therapist may help you get the necessary forms or help to create one.

What is a "Durable Power of Attorney"?

A durable power of attorney is a phrase often used with medical advance directives. When you create an advance directive, you may also name who has the power to make decisions for you when you are not able to make decisions for yourself. The person is called an “Agent” or “Patient Advocate”. A Durable Power of Attorney is a medical advance directive that states who your Patient Advocate/Agent is and what types of decisions he/she can make on your behalf.

What is a Patient Advocate?

A patient advocate is the person you identify in your advance directive as the one who may make decisions about your medical or psychiatric care if you become unable to make medical or psychiatric decisions for yourself.

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How Would I Create a Psychiatric Advance Directive?

There are forms that you may use to write a psychiatric advance directive. Your case manager and/or therapist may help you get the necessary forms or help to create one or you can contact Customer Service.

If I want a Medical Advance Directive and a Psychiatric Advance Directive, Can I Make One Document?

Yes. Or you can decide to have one or the other, or no durable power of attorney.

Important Things For You To Know

You are not required to have an Advance Directive. No medical, mental health, or insurance provider can force you to have one. You cannot be denied services because you do not have an advance directive.

Any of these papers may be a permanent part of your clinical record. If you want them in your record, make sure your case manager and/or therapist has a copy.

If your case manager and/or therapist has any part in your Advance Directive a copy of the plan must be in your clinical record. Make sure your case manager and/or therapist has the most recent copy.