

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA LIVING WILL

**The Kind of Medical Treatment I Want and Don't Want
If I Have a Terminal Condition or
Am In a Persistent Vegetative State**

Living will made this ____ day of _____, 20 ____.

I, _____, being of sound mind, willfully and voluntarily declare that I want my wishes to be respected if I am very sick and not able to communicate my wishes for myself. In the absence of my ability to give directions regarding the use of life-prolonging medical intervention, it is my desire that my dying shall not be prolonged under the following circumstances:

If I am very sick and not able to communicate my wishes for myself and I am certified by one physician who has personally examined me, to have a terminal condition or to be in a persistent vegetative state (I am unconscious and am neither aware of my environment nor able to interact with others,) I direct that life-prolonging medical intervention that would serve solely to prolong the dying process or maintain me in a persistent vegetative state be withheld or withdrawn. I want to be allowed to die naturally and only be given medications or other medical procedures necessary to keep me comfortable. I want to receive as much medication as is necessary to alleviate my pain.

I give the following SPECIAL DIRECTIVES OR LIMITATIONS: (Comments about tube feedings, breathing machines, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, dialysis, and mental health treatment may be placed here.)

My failure to provide special directives or limitations does not mean that I want or refuse certain treatments.

It is my intention that this living will be honored as the final expression of my legal right to refuse medical or surgical treatment and accept the consequences resulting from such refusal.

I understand the full import of this living will.

Signed _____

Address _____

I did not sign the principal's signature above for or at the direction of the

principal. I am at least eighteen years of age and am not related to the principal by blood or marriage, entitled to any portion of the estate of the principal to the best of my knowledge under any will of principal or codicil thereto, or directly financially responsible for principal's medical care. I am not the principal's attending physician or the principal's medical power of attorney representative or successor medical power of attorney representative under a medical power of attorney.

Witness

Date

Witness

Date

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

COUNTY OF _____, To-wit:

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 20____, by _____ and by _____ and _____, the two witnesses whose signatures appear above.

My commission expires _____.

Notary Public