

Advance Care Planning Documents Comparison Chart

	Designation of Patient Advocate/Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care	Out of Hospital DNR	Michigan Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (MI POST)
What type of document?	Legal document	Medical order that applies to care outside of a hospital admission	Medical order that applies to care outside of a hospital admission or ED visit
Who is able to create the document?	Adult with capacity	Any adult with capacity, regardless of health	Adult with capacity with advanced illness or frailty (12 months or less life expectancy)
Who completes the document?	Adult with capacity	Physician and adult with capacity or patient advocate or legal guardian; Parent of minor child	Health Care Provider (physician, N.P., or P.A.) and adult with capacity or patient advocate or legal guardian
What is communicated in the document?	Identifies the patient advocate and any successor advocate; may include preferences for medical and/or mental health care; Preferences for care are for the patient advocate to interpret	Do not resuscitate	DNR or Full Code Specific medical orders: Comfort focused treatment Selective treatment Full treatment
Does it expire?	No	No	Yes, after 12 months (may be reaffirmed)
Is the form provided by the State?	No, but certain wording must be included	No, but specific wording must be included	Yes
Must it be on special paper/color?	No Copies: electronic, paper and photo are acceptable	No Copies: electronic, paper and photo are acceptable	Yes, original document must have pink border. Copies: electronic, paper and photo are acceptable
Witnessing requirements	2 adults; cannot be listed as patient advocate, family members, health care, or mental health facility employees where patient receives care, or employee of a life or health insurance provider, heir or presumptive heir	2 adults; may be employees of the health system, 1 adult may be a family member.	None
Actionable by EMS?	Patient Advocate must give consent or refusal for care	Yes	Yes