

Types of advance directives may include the following:

1. Living will
 2. Durable health care power of attorney
- Prior to the date of service, the facility will provide the patient, or the patient's representative, with information regarding its policies on advance directives. This information must include a description of applicable State health and safety laws.
 - If requested by the patient or the patient's representative, the facility will provide the patient or the patient's representative with official State advance directive forms. The facility will maintain state specific information regarding advance directives to give patients upon request.
 - All patients will be asked whether or not they have executed an advance directive and their response will be documented in a prominent part of the patient's current medical record.
 - When a patient or their representative indicates the patients has executed an advance directive, the facility will inform the patient or their representative that advance directive will NOT be honored during the patient's episode of care at the Surgical Care Affiliates facility.
 - When the patient presents with an advance directive, the facility will inform the patient of the facility policy and a copy of the advance directive will be placed on the medical record for reference *in the event* that the patient is transferred to an acute care facility.
 - If a patient indicates they have executed an advanced directive and neglects to provide a copy, a note will be made in a prominent place in the medical record as to where the advance directive is on file.
 - If the patient chooses to seek alternative care due to the facility policy, the facility will provide the appropriate referral for the patient.