

**HACKETTSTOWN REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER  
ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY MANUAL**

**NOTIFICATION OF HOSPITAL DISCHARGE APPEALS RIGHTS**

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**PURPOSE**

Provides a mechanism to support the right of all patients to receive health care when they are no longer able to make decisions for themselves.

**POLICY**

Hackettstown Regional Medical Center supports four possible avenues for surrogate decisions making:

- A. Living Will- Leaving specific instructions
- B. Power of Attorney for Health Care- Delegating decision-making authority to a proxy.
- C. Automatic assignment of decision- Making authority on to next of kin in priority order as outlined in AD36
- D. Intervention of state authority through a form of guardianship.

**PROCEDURE**

The Case Management office will facilitate the obtaining of a court guardianship for any patient who lacks decision-making capacity and items A-C are not able to be applied.

In issues of D.N.R. and withholding and withdrawing, refer to those administrative policies.

Refer to Social Services' Policy and Procedure.