Patient Self–Determination Information
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You are receiving a copy of this information “Patient Self-Determination”, our “Advance Directive” policy and information on “Advance Directive” forms when admitted to High Peaks Hospice (HPH) services, in accordance with federal and state laws. Our staff will review this material with you. Our staff does not provide legal advice so feel free to contact your attorney with any legal questions. We fully respect your right to participate in your health care. This right includes your ongoing participation in your own plan of care while on HPH services as well as making decisions about your care if you should be incapacitated.

Information to Patients: Documentation
HPH staff will give you and your family a copy a brochure from the New York State Office of the Attorney General entitled “Planning Your Health Care in Advance” which includes information on “Do Not Resuscitate Orders (DNR)” and the “Health Care Proxy”. HPH staff will ask you to sign a document acknowledging the receipt of this information. Our staff will ask for copies of any advance directives you may already have in place. These documents should also be easily available somewhere in your home. Our staff needs to understand your advance directives so your wishes can be carried out while you are on HPH services. HPH staff will document in your clinical record whether or not you have executed an advance directive. You do not have to have advance directives to be on HPH services, but it helps to know your wishes before you can no longer communicate them.

Definition of an Advance Directive
An advance directive is a written or oral instruction relating to the provision of health care when an adult becomes incapacitated, including, but not limited to, a Health Care Proxy, an order “Not to Resuscitate (DNR)”, and/or a Living Will. Your physician may have discussed a MOLST form with you.

Relationship to Hospice Admission Criteria
HPH’s admission criteria require that you are not seeking cure-oriented treatments or measures to prolong life beyond its natural end. With or without an advanced directive, CPR is a service that is not provided by HPH staff and must be accessed by calling emergency services. Calling emergency services is not part of HPH services unless directed to do so by HPH.

Non-Discrimination
HPH will not discriminate in the provision of its care or its services against any individual based on whether or not the individual has executed an advance directive. A waiver can be signed and placed in your clinical record.

Compliance with Law
HPH will comply with all applicable federal and state laws regarding advance directives and patient self-determination.