



SUGGESTIONS FOR DISTRIBUTING YOUR HEALTH CARE DIRECTIVE:

1. Present your primary physician with your signed original Health Care Directive and ask if he/she is willing to follow your wishes. If not, you should consider finding another physician who will follow your wishes.
2. Ask your primary physician to place a copy of your Health Care Directive in your medical records and return the original to you.
3. A copy of your Health Care Directive should also be part of your medical records at each provider from whom you are receiving care including your home health agency, long-term care facility, hospice or hospital.
4. Give copies of your Health Care Directive to your health care providers, family, health care agent, and alternate health care agent. It is also strongly recommended that you discuss your wishes with your agent as well as members of your family.
5. Keep your signed original Health Care Directive with your personal papers in a safe place, but NOT in a safe deposit box.

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