

IDAHO ADVANCE CARE PLANNING DOCUMENT FORMS

The documents I created are very much an initial draft. The new Act gives considerable leeway in what goes into a medical directive. Therefore this is merely my initial thoughts on what a possible format for a directive can be. I assume it may change, perhaps dramatically, over time.

Things to be aware of:

1. I use the Information For Health Care Agent heavily in my practice and therefore in the medical directive. This allows the client to express their wishes in their own words. That Form can be attached to the medical directive and uploaded into the Registry as part of the medical directive. You may not want to use the Information form and instead fill in provisions on the medical directive after consultation with your client. You may want to change the Information form which is also fine. It is not anything official or required to be in any format.
2. If you want to avoid having to fill out the medical directive form in advance, you can put initial lines before the various choices and make those choices at signing. Not a problem.
3. I am a believer in initials on about everything. Not required and you can delete that.
4. I also believe in notary and witnesses. Not required. I just like the additional layer of protection that provides. You can add that to the Information form, but I really intended that to be more flexible and something that the client can update and send to me.
5. I would greatly appreciate feedback, including criticism if needed, but hopefully suggestions on improvements to the forms. I can also answer any questions you might have, although it might be best to ask those on the listserv so my answers will go out to others.

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