

Statutory Requirements for DNR Order

The order shall, at a minimum:

1. be placed on one page, readily identified as Out-of-Hospital DNR Order;
2. contain the printed or typed name of the declarant (sometimes referred to as “the person”);
3. include a statement by the attending physician who signs the document directing health-care professionals acting in out-of-hospital settings, including a hospital emergency department, not to initiate or continue certain life-sustaining treatment on behalf of the person, and a listing of those procedures not to be initiated or continued;
4. contain a statement that the declarant may revoke the out-of-hospital DNR order at any time by destroying the order and removing the DNR identification device (if any) or by communicating to health-care professionals at the scene the person’s desire to revoke the out-of-hospital DNR order;
5. include places for the printed names and signatures of (a) the witnesses or the notary public’s acknowledgment and (b) for the printed name, signature and medical license number of the attending physician;
6. include a place for the date of execution of the document and a statement that the document is in effect on the date of its execution and must remain in effect until the death of the person or until the document is revoked;
7. a statement that the document must accompany the person during transport;
8. a statement regarding the proper disposition of the document or copies of the document, as the medical board determines appropriate; and
9. a statement at the bottom of the document that the document has been properly completed with places for the signature of each person executing the document.

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