

Advance Directives in New Hampshire:
A Statutory Review &
Survey of Current Issues

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New Hampshire Partnership for End-of-Life Care
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What is the Foundation for Healthy Communities?

The Foundation is a non-profit corporation that exists to improve health and health care. It was formed in 1968 by the New Hampshire Hospital Association as an educational and research organization for hospitals. In 1996, it was re-organized with a new and broader mission – to be an innovator with the potential to affect people’s health beyond the hospital. Today, the Foundation for Healthy Communities is a partnership involving northern New England acute care hospitals, health plans, clinicians, home care agencies and many other organizations supporting community health activities.

In 1999, the Foundation created the New Hampshire Partnership for End-of-Life Care, a group of organizations that helps people to plan for their health care, talk about their choices and have them respected. The Partnership created the Advance Directives Task Force to help guide work on this aspect of the end-of-life care project. The NH Partnership for End-of-Life Care is supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Community State Partnerships for End-of-Life Care Program with program direction by Midwest Bioethics Center.

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