



Out-of-State Portable DNR Orders

Below is information on the Portable DNR from our three border states and Florida. See RSA 137-J:28 to determine how your health care organization may address out-of-state Portable DNRs.

Maine --

The State of Maine Emergency Medical Services (EMS) has a ‘Comfort Care/ Do Not Resuscitate Order’ ORANGE form for a person who wants to be DNR outside a health facility. There is an orange bracelet that goes with ‘CC/DNRO’ form. The form may only be obtained from a physician. There is no expiration date for the order. The DNR form requires signature by the patient.

Massachusetts –

The Mass. State Office of EMS has a ‘Comfort Care/DNR’ order form. It may be obtained from a physician, nurse practitioner or physician’s assistant. The order may or may not have an expiration date. The DNR form requires signature by the patient or their legal representative. Photocopies of the order form are permitted. (Circular Letter DHCQ 06-8-64)

Vermont --

The State of Vermont is in the process of creating a new DNR/COLST (Clinicians Order for Life Sustaining Treatment) form. A physician, nurse practitioner or physician’s assistant may create a DNR order on their own letterhead. The patient’s signature is **not required**. A photocopy of any DNR order form may be used when a patient when the patient is transferred between health care facilities. (TH618 V.S.A. Chapter 231, 9708-09.)

Florida --

The State of Florida EMS has a ‘Do Not Resuscitate Order’ YELLOW form (DH Form 1896) that is portable. A “patient identification device” or miniature version of the DH Form 1896 that is perforated and laminated can be attached to a chain and worn by the patient. The DNR form requires signature by the patient or their legal representative.