



**Delaware  
End-of-Life Coalition**

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**An Evening Program on  
End-of-Life Care**

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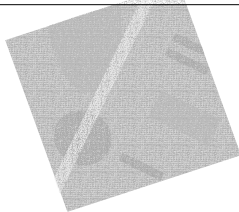
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**Legal Points: Advance Directives  
and Do Not Resuscitate**



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**OBJECTIVES**

- Understand patient decision-making rights
- List the benefits and limitations of Advance Directives
- Discuss practical implication and use of Advance Directives
- Differentiate between Advance Directives and DNR orders

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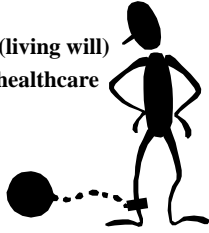
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## Delaware Health Care Decisions Act of 1996

- **Summary of law**
  - individual instruction (living will)
  - power of attorney for healthcare



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## Summary of the Law (cont.)

- **Qualifying conditions**
  - Terminal condition
  - Permanently unconscious

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## Summary of the Law (cont.)

- **Requirements for Advance Directives**
- **When Advance Directives become effective**
- **Pregnancy**



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## Summary of the Law (cont.)

- Role of the surrogate decision-maker



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## Practical Implications

- Completing forms in healthcare institutions
- Understanding the content of forms
- Medically ineffective treatment



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## Do Not Resuscitate

- DNR Orders vs. Advance Directives



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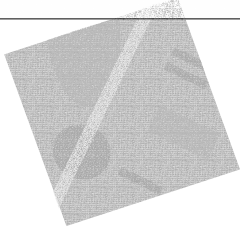
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**Ethical Issues**



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