

COVID-19 Highlights the Need for Advanced Directives

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As we find ourselves in the midst of a global pandemic, we often overlook the ordinary but yet critical legal documents that support our financial well-being. One of the most crucial documents, one which every adult should have, is the Advance Directive.

What is an Advanced Directive?

An Advance Directive is a legal document by which a person identifies, among other things, what should be done for their health care if they cannot communicate for themselves. An Advance Directive names the person or persons you authorize to discuss your health care with your medical providers and to make health care decisions for you.

Why is an Advance Directive so Important Now?

As this situation unfolds, we see that people are being asked, or are required to, isolate. Should you find yourself in your physician's office or in a hospital, your family member may not be permitted to be with you. Nevertheless, they should be able to participate in your care remotely. You do not want the absence of an Advance Directive to be one more obstacle to deal with. These stressful moments are not the time to worry about whether your loved ones are authorized to speak with your physicians.

Should you be without an Advanced Directive in place, please do not hesitate to reach out to us.