

Health PEI

Provincial Integrated Palliative Care Program Newsletter

Substitute Decision-Maker (SDM) vs. Proxy? Health Care Directive (HCD) – A Now Mandatory Field in CIS

Dear Colleagues,

Recently, the Health Care Directive field has been made mandatory on CIS. This newsletter provides background information on the difference between Substitute Decision-Maker and Proxy, and will help staff to complete the mandatory field on CIS.

Difference between Substitute Decision-Maker and Proxy

With a valid HCD:

Proxy

In PEI, if the person has a signed and dated Health Care Directive (i.e., a **valid HCD**), the patient's Substitute Decision-Maker(s) is the person's Proxy(ies) identified in the Health Care Directive.
We then use the word Proxy rather than Substitute Decision-Maker.

In the absence of a valid HCD:

Substitute Decision-Maker

In PEI, every person automatically has a Substitute Decision-Maker(s) and in the absence of a written Health Care Directive without an appointed Proxy(ies), a Substitute Decision-Maker is clearly defined in the *PEI Consent to Treatment and Health Care Directives Act*
(See figure below)

Substitute Decision Maker Hierarchy



a. The Proxy (if the patient has a HCD)
b. The Guardian if having the authority to give or refuse consent to treatment
c. The Spouse
d. The Son or Daughter, or the Parent, or a person who has assumed parental authority and who is lawfully entitled to give or refuse consent to treatment on the patient's behalf
e. The Brother or Sister
f. A person whom the health practitioner considers to be the patient's trusted friend with close knowledge of the wishes
g. Any other relative of the person
h. The Public Guardian if none of the above is available

HCD is Now a Mandatory Field in CIS

Mandatory

It is critical to know who the contact is in case of a patient's health crisis. This person(s) contact(s) should be available in the "Resuscitation Section". The information in that section populates from the HCD form. It's now mandatory to fill HCD section within CIS for any new admission.

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Age: 121 years Sex: Female Loc: PAND ICU/ENDO QH; PAND ICU/ENDO; 13 ARO: VRE

DOB: 1900-Feb-28 MRN: 888000882 ** Allergies ** RESUS:

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Health Care Directive (5)

Time of Service	Subject	Note Type
In Progress (0)		
FEB 25, 2022 08:08	Health Care Directive	Health Care Directive
OCT 27, 2020 12:59	Health Care Directive	Health Care Directive
APR 18, 2019 08:57	Health Care Directive	Health Care Directive
NOV 29, 2018 09:47	Health Care Directive	Health Care Directive

Health Care Directive Entered On: 2022-Feb-25 08:09
Performed On: 2022-Feb-25 08:08 by Morton, Teresa E, RN

Health Care Directive
Health Care Directive Forms-Text (Auth (Verified)) Author: Contributor(s): Morton, Teresa E, RN
Last Updated: FEB 25, 2022 08:08 Last Updated By: Morton, Teresa E, RN

Health Care Directive : Yes
Health Care Directive Date : February 17th 2022
Health Care Directive Definitions : Right click and select Reference Text for Health Care Directive Definitions
Health Care Directive Location : Copy obtained from Health Records

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If you select YES>HCD information activated

If you select NO>SDM information activated:

Health Care Directive

Does the Patient Have a Health Care Directive
 Yes
 No
 Unknown

Health Care Directive Date Signed

Health Care Directive Definitions
 Right click and select Reference Text for Health Care Directive Definitions

Location of Health Care Directive
 Copy obtained from Health Records
 Copy placed on paper chart
 Family to bring in copy from home
 Unable to obtain copy

Reason Copy Cannot Be Obtained

Proxy
 Proxy
 Proxy - The person or persons appointed by the maker of a Health Care Directive to make decisions on their behalf when they are not capable to either make or communicate their own decisions/wishes/instructions

Proxy Status
 Jointly
 Successively

Proxy Contact Information
 List in order and provide telephone number.
 If the person(s) appointed are unable to act. Please enter alternate proxy contact information.

Alternate Proxy Contact Information
 Alternate proxy is ONLY completed if the person has indicated an alternate on their Health Care Directive.

Substitute Decision Maker
 Yes
 No
 Substitute Decision Maker Contact Information

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 Substitute Decision Maker Contact Information

Power of Attorney - person you appoint to make financial and legal decisions on your behalf if you are not capable. Has authority in relation to finances only and has no decision making authority over health care decisions.