

## **Advanced Directive for Mental Healthcare Decisions**

Under Louisiana law, *R.S. 28:221-237 (Act 755 of 2001)*, a person may use an advance directive to provide authorization for mental health treatment or to appoint a representative to make mental health treatment decisions when the person is incapable. A person is “incapable” when, in the opinion of two physicians, the person is currently unable to make or to communicate reasoned decisions regarding his or her mental health treatment. This document becomes operative when it is delivered to the person’s physician or other provider and remains valid until revoked or expired.

A copy of this and other Louisiana laws can be downloaded from the Louisiana Legislature’s home page, <http://www.legis.state.la.us/>. Click on “Louisiana Laws” and type in the citation. If you have questions about this advance directive, you may contact the Mental Health Advocacy Service at 1-800-428-5432 or Magellan at 1-800-424-4399.

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Advance Directive  
Planning for Important HealthCare Decisions

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I, \_\_\_\_\_ attest that an Advanced Directive for mental health treatment has been explained to me and at this time I would like:

*(Please check one of the options below)*

- To have an advanced directive completed in collaboration with my mental health provider.
- To receive additional information regarding a mental health advanced directive.
- To not develop a mental health advanced directive at this time.

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Client Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Agency Representative

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date