

Region IX EMS Plan

DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR HEALTH CARE

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Reference: IL Rev. Stat, Ch 110½, Par. 801-1 et seq.

I. **POLICY**

- A. Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care is defined by Illinois law as the designation to an agent named in the document broad powers to make health care decisions, including power to require, consent to, or to withdraw any type of personal care or medical treatment for any physical or mental condition. The document must describe the scope of authority given to the agent with limitations defined by the patient in the document.
- B. When a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care agent and document is physically present, consultation with medical direction is required to clarify any requests regarding the patient's treatment.
- C. The agent named in a Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care document may consent to or refuse any or all care, including resuscitation, on behalf of the patient. Any requests must be reported to medical direction and orders issued by an appropriate System hospital to comply with the agent's request. Follow all subsequent orders of the medical direction physician, even if such orders contradict the requests of the agent.
- D. The recommended IL Statutory Short Form Power of Attorney for Health Care may be used, although the law expressly permits the use of any different form.