

# Advance Directive for Living with Dementia

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An Advance Directive for Living with Dementia can help you, loved ones, and caregivers understand your wishes and preferences for care during the long course of illness and when you can't speak for yourself. It covers who you'd like to provide your personal care, where you'd want to live if you can't stay safely at home, how to pay for care, what to do if you become combative, future relationships for you and your spouse/partner, and when to stop driving. (Form and instructions)

#### Form attached:

Advance Directive for Living with Dementia (NJP Planning 512)

#### What's included in this Advance Directive?

You can include anything that might help others know how to give you the care you need and make decisions for you when you can't make them for yourself. This could be:

- Who you want to provide care for you in your home.
- Where you want to live if you can't live at home anymore.
- Your cultural, religious, and gender preferences about your care.
- What to do if you become combative or abusive because of dementia.
- Preferences for financing your care.
- Preferences about future intimate relationships for yourself and/or your spouse or partner.
- When you should stop driving.

#### What's not included?

This Advance Directive **doesn't address your preferences for end-of-life care**. For that, you need to make a Health Care Directive (living will) to document your



wishes and a <u>Power of Attorney</u> that names someone to make decisions for you when you can't make them for yourself.

#### Is it legal?

It is a legal advance directive under Washington state law. Medical, long-term and other providers are usually legally required to follow your advance directives. There are exceptions.

Even if you live outside Washington state, this advance directive provides valuable guidance to your loved ones and caregivers.

#### Does it need to be notarized?

It's best to sign your directive in front of a notary.

If you can't find a notary, you can sign in front of 2 qualified witnesses. The form says who qualifies.

#### What should I do after I sign?

Give copies to any medical providers, loved ones, and people involved in providing your care or making decisions for you. If you have any Powers of Attorney, give copies to them.

The best way to make sure your wishes will be honored is to talk with your medical team, your care facility, your caregivers, and your loved ones about this Advance Directive. Ask them to honor your choices and decisions.

#### What else can I do to plan ahead?

This Advance Directive is about living with dementia, but we have other directives you can use to plan for your end of life care. (See Related links below.)

The Dementia Action Collaborative's <u>Dementia Legal Planning Toolkit</u> (<a href="https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/dac/individualsandfamilies">https://www.dshs.wa.gov/altsa/dac/individualsandfamilies</a>) can help you make important financial and health care decisions and give you a place to write them down.

#### Who can help me plan how to pay for long-term care?

Long-term care is expensive. You can pay for it with your own savings, long-term care insurance, and/or public assistance from Medicaid. We **strongly recommend** you seek help from an experienced elder law attorney to plan how to



finance your care. The Washington Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (https://waela.org/) has a directory.

<u>WashingtonLawHelp.org</u> gives general information. It is not legal advice. Find organizations that provide free legal help on our Get legal help page.

## **Advance Directive for Living with Dementia**

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RC me inv	W dica	71.32 al pro , the	2.26 vic res	with decision-making capacity. I voluntarily sign this mental health directive under 60. If I cannot make decisions for myself, my relatives, friends, agents, and ders should fully honor every part of this directive. If any part of this directive is should be honored. I revoke any Advance Directive for Living with Dementia that in the past.			
				instructs my health care agent or other legal decision-maker ("decision-maker") vers how to act on my behalf.			
1. I have written this advance directive because:							
		Skip	th	is section.			
		I ha	ve	a current diagnosis of dementia and want to plan ahead.			
		I ha	ve	no current diagnosis, but want to plan ahead.			
		Othe	er (	Example: I've seen others with dementia and know what I would want):			
2.	Sta	art da	ate	. This directive is effective (check one):			
		Now	<i>1</i> .				
		Only	/ if	I can't make decisions for myself (if I'm incapacitated).			
				my decision-maker determines that any of these circumstances, symptoms, or ors have occurred (check all that apply):			
		ĺ		I can no longer communicate verbally.			
		I		I can no longer recognize people who are important to me.			
		ĺ		I put myself or others in danger because of my actions or behaviors.			
		I		Other (describe):			
3.	En	d da	te.	I want this directive to remain in effect until revoked.			
4.	Revocation.						
	As your dementia progresses, you may worry you'll reject the decisions and preferences you've made in this directive. If so, select the first option below. This means you <b>can't cancel</b> this directive unless you're able to make decisions for yourself (you have <b>capacity</b> ).						
	I can cancel (revoke) this directive (check one):						
Only when I can make decisions for myself (when I have capacity). I this means I can't cancel this directive unless I have capacity. It means I r the medical and personal care listed in this directive even if I object at the							
		1	this	en if I cannot make decisions for myself (if I'm incapacitated). I understand a means I can cancel this directive at any time. This means I may not get the dical and personal care listed in this directive when I am incapacitated.			

#### 5. Health care decisions

I want whoever makes dementia care decisions for me to do as I would want in the circumstances, based on the choices I express in this directive. If my wishes are not known, then I want decisions to be made in my best interest, based on my values, this directive, and information provided by my health care providers.

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	6.	Pe	rsonal history and care values statement	
			None.	
			Attached.	
>	Pr	references and instructions about my care and treatment		
	7.	7. Care in my home		
			Skip this section.	
		☐ If I need personal care and assistance in my home, I want these people to provide (Check all that apply)		
			□ Volunteer caregivers who are friends or family.	
			□ Volunteer caregivers who are <b>not</b> friends or family.	
			☐ Paid caregivers who are friends or family.	
			□ Paid caregivers who are <b>not</b> friends or family.	
		Other details about who I want to provide care in my home (Example: Specific peopou do or don't want involved. It's okay to leave this blank.)		
	Q	0	t-of-home placements	
	Ο.			
		<ul> <li>If I can't receive care in my home, I want to receive care in the following place possible: (Check all that apply.)</li> </ul>		
			☐ A friend or family member's home.	
			Name ( <i>optional</i> ):	
			☐ Adult family home.	
			Name and/or location ( <i>optional</i> ):	
			☐ Assisted living facility.	
			Name and/or location ( <i>optional</i> ):	
			□ Nursing home.	
			Name and/or location ( <i>optional</i> ):	
			☐ I know that it may not be possible for me to receive care where I want, given my needs and circumstances at the time. I trust my healthcare decision-maker/s and know that they will make the best decisions for me after considering my values, and consulting with my loved ones and care providers.	

		your first or last choice, if there's anywhere you <b>don't</b> want to live, or if you prefer a memory care facility. It's okay to leave this blank.)
9.	Cu	Itural, religious, and/or gender preferences about my care and assistance
		Skip this section.
		(Describe)
		sessment. If someone needs to do an assessment or make recommendations about my lity to remain in my home, I prefer this be done by the following person/s or agencies:
		No preference.
		(Name/s)
1.	Ps	ychiatric Hospitalization
	go ps yo	ometimes people with Alzheimer's or dementia become aggressive, assaultive, or combative, despite and care. If this happens, emergency or other treatment may be necessary. You can consent to ychiatric hospitalization in advance. If you don't consent, someone would have to get a court order for ur involuntary commitment to a psychiatric hospital.
		<b>portant!</b> By consenting to inpatient mental health treatment now, while you are well, you may get eatment sooner if you decompensate.
		Skip this section.
		Check one (sign if consenting):
		□ <b>I consent</b> to voluntary admission to inpatient mental health treatment for ( <i>up to 14</i> ) days if my mental health care agent and treating medical providers decide it is appropriate. I prefer to receive treatment in a facility specializing in Alzheimer's/dementia care to reduce my behavioral symptoms and stabilize my condition.
		My signature (in front of a notary or witnesses)
		☐ I don't consent to inpatient mental health treatment.
12.	Ps	ychiatric hospital or other facility preferences
		Skip this section.
		If I need hospitalization, I prefer to go to a specialized dementia care unit at:

		If I	need h	ospitalization, I <b>don't consent</b> to these hospitals or facilities:			
		<ul> <li>I want treatment from trained caregivers who know me and my history, and who know how to handle the situation.</li> </ul>					
13.	Fir	nand	cing my	/ care			
		Ski	ip this s	ection.			
			know that the cost of my care could become high over the course of my illness. I have be following preferences about financing my care (check one):				
				e use my income, assets, and savings to buy the highest quality private care even if this requires selling my home and other property.			
			and he	to preserve my income, assets, and savings for my partner/spouse, children, eirs, if possible. Please use all available planning options to meet this goal, ng, but not limited to ( <i>check all that apply</i> ):			
				Medicaid planning			
				Gifting			
				Divorce or legal separation			
				Changing estate planning documents			
				Tax planning			
			Other:				
14.	Fu	ture	intima	te relationships – partner or spouse			
		Ski	ip this s	ection.			
		Му	partne	r or spouse is ( <i>name</i> ):			
		a.	Prefer	ences about continuing our intimate relationship (check all that apply):			
				My intimate relationship with my partner/spouse is important to us.			
				We want to maintain our sexual relationship for as long as possible.			
				I completely trust my partner/spouse to make any judgments about continuing our intimate relationship, including when to stop if they're no longer comfortable.			
				I want to maintain our sexual relationship even if we divorce or end our legal domestic partnership for financial reasons.			
				If I need nursing home care, I request the privacy needed for us to continue our relationship, as required by law.			
				I know that I may forget my partner/spouse as my Alzheimer's or dementia progresses. If this happens ( <i>check one</i> ):			
				□ I want to continue to be intimate for as long as my partner/spouse wants to and feels comfortable doing so.			
				☐ I <b>don't</b> want to continue to be intimate with my partner/spouse.			

			Ш	Other preference/s:
		h I	Drofor	rences about my partner/spouse having relationships with someone else
			(check	
				I want my partner/spouse to seek companionship and intimacy when I can no longer provide that in our relationship if they wish to do so. I would not consider this a violation of our vows or commitment to each other. I understand that my illness may last a long time, and that I may no longer recognize or be able to function emotionally or sexually with my partner/spouse.
				I <b>don't</b> want my partner/spouse to pursue a relationship outside our partnership/marriage or other committed relationship.
			Otl	her preference/s, if any:
15.	Му	futu	re int	imate relationships
		Skip	this s	ection.
		Whe	ether c	or not I have a current partner or spouse (check one):
		 	roman relatio	that residents at long-term care facilities sometimes develop intimate or tic relationships with each other. I am not opposed to having such a nship if my caregivers or medical providers believe the relationship improves ental health and I am not coerced in any way.
				t <b>consent</b> to any intimate relationships, even if the relationship improves my I health, except as stated in section 14 if I have a spouse or partner.
		Oth	er pref	erence/s, if any:
16.		iving		
		Skip	this s	ection.
				fe for me to drive, I agree that people can take steps to stop me from driving niding my keys, disabling my car, and denying me access to my car.
		The	decisi	on about whether I'm safe to drive can be made by (check all that apply):
			My leg	al decision-maker/s.
			A qual	ified professional who can test my visual and mental acuity.
17.	Pe	ts		
		Skip	this s	ection.
		I do	n't hav	e any pets.
				n no longer care for my pets, I prefer (describe who you want to care for them one has agreed to adopt them):

18.	Pa	rtic	ipat	ion in experimental Alzheimer's or dementia drug trials (check one):			
		Sk	ip th	nis section.			
		syr to	npto part	<b>ent</b> to participation in any clinical drug trials for drugs that might improve the oms of Alzheimer's/dementia or prevent the full onset of the disease. I am willing icipate in the trial even if it could lead to my earlier death. I would rather die sooner h my memory more intact.			
		l d	on't	t <b>consent</b> to participation in any drug trials.			
19.	Du	rab	le P	Power of Attorney for Mental Health Care			
	Important! A general power of attorney for health care can't authorize mental health hospitalization. If you want your power of attorney to be able to consent to this (in section 10, above), you must complete the power of attorney for mental health care section below. You should appoint the same person as your agent for mental health care as for general health care to avoid confusion.						
		l a	m <b>n</b>	ot appointing a power of attorney for mental health care.			
				ppointing a power of attorney for mental health care as follows. I revoke (cancel) her power of attorney <b>for mental health care</b> documents I signed in the past.			
		a.	_	ent. I choose ( <i>name</i> ): as my agent h full authority to manage my mental health care.			
				Alternate. If the agent named above is unable or unwilling to act, I choose (name): as my agent with full authority to manage my mental health care.			
				<b>2nd Alternate.</b> If both the agent and alternate named above are unable or unwilling to act, I choose ( <i>name</i> ): as my agent with full authority to manage my mental health care.			
		b.	Sp	ouse or partner.			
				Does not apply. I didn't name my spouse or partner as an agent or alternate.			
				One of the agents or alternates named above is my spouse or domestic partner. If we divorce or legally separate ( <i>check one</i> ):			
				☐ Their authority to act as my agent is revoked.			
				☐ They will continue to have authority to act as my agent.			
		c.	•	<b>Rights.</b> I keep the right to make mental health care decisions for myself if m capable.			
		d.	if I	rable. My agent can use this power of attorney to manage my affairs even become sick or injured and cannot make decisions for myself. My disability not affect this power of attorney.			
		e.		<b>vocation.</b> I understand that I may revoke this power of attorney at any le by giving written notice of revocation to my agent.			
		f.	tre lim my	wers. My agent shall have full power and authority to make mental health atment decisions on my behalf, consistent with any instructions and/or itations in this directive. If my agent does not know my wishes, I authorize agent to make the decision that my agent determines is in my best erest.			

- **g. Nomination of Guardian.** I nominate my agent as my guardian for consideration by the court if guardianship proceedings become necessary.
- h. HIPAA Release. I authorize my healthcare providers to release all information governed by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) to my agent.

#### 20. Other documents

	nning for my health care, estate, and potential incapacity, I have signed the following nents (check all that apply and attach copies, if possible):
	Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care (not mental health)
	Durable Power of Attorney for Finances
	Health Care Directive ("Living Will")
	Other (Examples: POLST, Advance Directive for Voluntary Stopping of Eating and Drinking (VSED)):
understan	nd the purpose and effect of this Advance Directive for Living with Dementia. I d consent to treatment or admission in this directive constitutes my informed consent. ng of my own free will for the purposes stated in this document.
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My signati	ure (in front of a notary or witnesses)  Date
Notarizati	on (preferred)
State of W County of	ashington
This docur	ment was acknowledged before me on (date)
by (name)	
	Signature of Notary
	Notary Public for the State of Washington.
	My commission expires

Statemen	t of Witnesses (only if you cann	ot find a notary)
personally decisions,	known to me or provided proof of	nme): Dementia in my presence. This person is identity. I believe they are able to make health care to have signed it voluntarily. They don't appear to fraud.
I am <b>not</b> :	directive is made An owner, operator, employee, of facility or long-term care facility was A person related by blood, marrial In a dating relationship with them A minor or incapacitated person	r relative of an owner or operator of a health care where they are a patient or resident age, or adoption to them
Witness 1	·	Witness 2
	e:	Signature Print Name: Address:
Phone:		Phone:

# Advance Directive for Living with Dementia Attachment: Contact info

My information						
My name						
My date of birth						
My phone number						
My email address						
My mailing address						
My primary care medical provide	r					
Power of attorney						
	Attorney for Health Care that let someone n care decisions for me if I'm not able.					
My health care agent (if any)						
Name						
Relationship to me (Examples: fr	riend, partner, spouse, sister, etc.)					
Phone						
Email						
My alternate health care agent	(if any)					
Name						
Relationship to me (Examples: fr	riend, partner, spouse, sister, etc.)					
Phone						
Email						
My 2nd alternate health care a	gent (if any)					
My 2nd alternate health care a Name	gent (if any)					
Name	riend, partner, spouse, sister, etc.)					
Name						

Record of Directive		
I've given a copy of this directive to the following people:		

### **Advance Directive for Living with Dementia Optional Attachment: Personal History and Care Values**

I want my caregivers, family, and friends to know and remember who I am and what is important to me for when I may not be able to remember or fully express this. Important people in my life: My education, work history, skills, accomplishments: Things I love to do or to experience: Important events in my life: How I would like caregivers, family, and friends to treat and care for me if I can no longer say (Examples: Treat me as an adult, not a child; allow me privacy when dressing, bathing, and toileting; help me maintain my personal hygiene and appearance.):