Advance Directive of _____ for Mental Health Care Decisionmaking.

Instructions Included in My Directive
Put a checkmark in the left-hand column for each section you have completed.

____ Designation of my health care agent(s).

____ Authority granted to my agent.

____ My preference as to a court-appointed guardian.

____ My preferences about no termination in the event a guardian or other agent is appointed.

____ My choice of treatment facility and preferences for alternatives to hospitalization if 24-hour care is deemed medically necessary for my safety and well-being.

____ My preferences about the physicians who will treat me if I am hospitalized.

____ My preferences regarding medications for psychiatric treatment.

____ My preferences regarding electroconvulsive therapy (ECT or shock treatment).

____ My preferences regarding emergency interventions (seclusion, restraint, medications).

____ Consent for experimental studies or drug trials.

____ Who should be notified immediately of my admission to a psychiatric facility.

____ Who should be prohibited from visiting me.

____ My preferences for care and temporary custody of my children.

____ My preferences about revocation of my health care directive during a period of incapacity.

____ Other instructions about mental health care.

____ Duration of this mental health care directive.

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Part I. STATEMENT OF INTENT

Make sure you give your agent a copy of all sections of this document.

Statement of intent to Appoint an Agent:

I, _____, being of sound mind, authorize a health care agent to make my mental healthcare decisions when I am incompetent to make those decisions for myself. Those decisions should follow the instructions set out in this psychiatric advance directive. If I have not expressed a choice in this document, my agent has permission to make the decision that he/she determines I would make if I were able to make the decision myself.

1. Designation of Mental Health Care Agent:
A. I designate the following person as my mental healthcare agent. This person is to be notified immediately of my admission to a psychiatric facility.
Note: Make sure to list this person in Part V of your advance directive.

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

2. Agent's Acceptance: I hereby accept this designation as mental healthcare agent.

(Agent's Printed Name)_____

(Agent's Signature) _____

Alternate Mental Health Care Agent
If the person named above is unavailable, unable, or unwilling to serve as my agent, I designate the following person as my mental healthcare agent. This person is to be notified immediately of my admission to a psychiatric facility.
Note: Make sure to list this person in Part V for your advance directive.

Name: _____

Address: _____

_____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

Alternate Agent's Acceptance: I hereby accept this designation as alternate mental healthcare agent.

(Alternate Agent's Printed Name)_____

(Alternate Agent's Signature) _____

3. Authority Granted to My Agent:
(Initial if you agree with statement; leave blank if you do not).

_____ I retain the right to discharge or change the person named as my agent, even if I am incompetent or incapable, if allowed by law. If I discharge or replace my agent the rest of this advance directive should be followed to the best of the new decision maker's ability.

4. When Spouse is Agent and If There Has Been a Legal Separation, Annulment, or Dissolution of the Marriage (Initial if you agree with this statement, leave blank if you do not.)
_____ I desire that the person I have named as my agent, who is now my spouse, remain as my agent even if we become legally separated or our marriage is dissolved.

5. My Preference as to a Court-Appointed Guardian:
In the event a court decides to appoint a guardian who will make decisions regarding mental health treatment, I desire the following person to be appointed:

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Day Phone: _____ Evening Phone: _____

6. Powers of Guardian:
The appointment of a guardian of my estate or my person or any other decisionmaker shall not give the guardian or decisionmaker the power to revoke, suspend, or terminate this directive or the powers of my agent, except as specifically required by law.

Part II. FACILITY PREFERENCES

In this part, you state how you wish to be treated (such as which hospital you wish to be taken to, which medications you prefer, etc.) if you become incapacitated or unable to express your own wishes. If you want a paragraph to apply, put your initials after the paragraph letter. If you do not want the paragraph to apply to you, leave the line blank.

1. My Choice of Treatment Facility and Preference for Alternatives to Hospitalization if 24-hour Care is Medically Necessary for my Safety and Well-Being.

A. _____ If my psychiatric condition is serious enough to require 24-hour care and I have no physical conditions that require immediate access to emergency medical care, I would prefer to receive this care in a program/facility that is designed as an alternative to a psychiatric hospital. I would prefer care at the programs/facilities listed below (if no preference, leave blank):

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B. _____ In the event I am to be admitted to a hospital for 24-hour care, I would prefer to receive care at the following hospitals:

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C. _____ I do *not* wish to be committed to the following hospitals or programs/facilities for psychiatric care for the reasons I have listed:

Facility Name	**Reason**

D. Other Information about Hospitalization:

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Part III. EMERGENCY INTERVENTION

Nothing in this section constitutes my consent to use of medication in a non-emergency situation.

A. The Following may cause me to experience a mental health crisis:

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B. The Following may help me avoid a mental health crisis:

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C. Staff at the hospital or crisis center can help me by doing the following:

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D. Staff can minimize use of restraint and seclusion by doing the following:

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E. If, during an admission or commitment to a mental health treatment facility, it is determined that I am engaging in behavior that requires an emergency intervention (e.g. seclusion and/or physical restraint and/or medication), my

wishes regarding which form of emergency interventions should be made are as follows. I prefer these interventions in the following order:
Fill in number, giving 1 to your first choice, 2 to your second, and so on until each has a number. If an intervention you prefer is not listed, write it in after "other" and give it a number as well.

	Reasons for My Preferences:
_____ Seclusion	_____
_____ Physical Restraints	_____
_____ Seclusion and Physical Restraints (combined)	_____
_____ Medication by Injection	_____
_____ Medication in Pill Form	_____
_____ Liquid Medication	_____
_____Other:_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

E. My Preferences About the Medical Professionals Who Will Treat Me If I Am Hospitalized

I would prefer to be treated by:

Medical Professional	**Reason**

I would prefer to not be treated by:

Medical Professional	**Reason**

Part IV. MEDICATION & TREATMENT INSTRUCTIONS

A. I agree to the administration of the following medication(s):

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B. I do not agree to the administration of the following medication(s):
List the reasons why you object to the following medications.

Medication	**Reason**

Part V. Statement of My Preferences Regarding Notification of Others, Visitors, and Custody of My Child(ren)

1. Who Should be Notified Immediately of My Admission to a Psychiatric Facility

If I am incompetent, I desire staff to notify the following individuals immediately that I have been admitted to a psychiatric facility:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

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Phone (Day): _____

Phone (Eve): _____

It is also my desire that this person be permitted to visit me: Yes____ No_____

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

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Phone (Day): _____

Phone (Eve): _____

It is also my desire that this person be permitted to visit me: Yes_____ No_____

Name:_____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

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Phone (Day): _____

Phone (Eve): _____

It is also my desire that this person be permitted to visit me: Yes____ No_____

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address: _____

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Phone (Day): _____

Phone (Eve): _____

It is also my desire that this person be permitted to visit me: Yes_____ No_____

2. Who Should be Prohibited from Visiting Me

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3. My Preferences for Care & Temporary Custody of My Children

In the event that I am unable to care for my child(ren), I want the following person as my first choice to care for and have temporary custody of my child(ren):

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone number: (Day) _____ (Evening) _____

In the event that the person named above is unable to care for and have temporary custody of my child(ren), I desire one of the following people to serve in that capacity.

My Second Choice

Name:_____

Relationship:_____

Address:_____

_____

Phone (Day): _____

Phone: (Eve): _____

My Third Choice

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Address:_____

_____

Phone (Day): _____

Phone: (Eve): _____

PART VI. STATEMENT OF MY PREFERENCES REGARDING REVOCATION OR TERMINATION OF THIS ADVANCE DIRECTIVE/DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY

1. Revocation of My Psychiatric Advance Directive

_____ My wish is that this mental health directive may be revoked, suspended or terminated by me at any time, if state law so permits.

2. Revocation of my Psychiatric Advance Directive During a Period of Incapacity

_____ My wish is that this mental health care directive may be revoked, suspended or terminated by me only at times that I have the capacity and competence to do so. I understand that I may be choosing to give up the right to change my mind at any time. I expressly give up this right to ensure compliance with my advance directive. My decision not to be able to change this advance directive while I am incompetent or incapacitated is made to ensure that my previous, carefully considered thoughts about how I want to be treated will remain in effect during the time I am incompetent or incapacitated.

2A. _____ Notwithstanding the above, it is my wish that my agent or other decisionmaker specifically ask me about my preferences before making a decision regarding mental health care, and take the preferences I express here into account when making such a decision, even while I am incompetent or incapacitated.

3. Other Instructions About Mental Health Care

(Use this space to add any other instructions that you wish to have followed. For example, information about how your bills should be paid or who should take care of your pet in your absence. If you need to, add pages, numbering them as part of this section.)

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4. Duration of Mental Health Care Directive

Initial A or B.

A. _____ It is my intention that this advance directive will remain in effect for an indefinite period of time.
OR

B. _____ It Is my intention that this advance directive will expire two years from the date it was executed.

If my choice above is not valid under state law, then it is my intention that this advance directive remain in effect for as long as the law permits.

PART VII. SIGNATURE PAGE

By signing here I indicate that I understand the purpose and effect of this document.

_____ Date_____

The directive above was signed and declared by the "Declarant," _____ to be his/her mental health care advance directive, in our presence who, at his/her request, have signed names below as witness. We declare that, at the time of the execution of this instrument the Declarant, according to our best knowledge and belief, was of sound mind and under no constraint or undue influence. We further declare that none of us is 1) a physician; 2) the Declarant's physician or an employee of the Declarant's physician; 3) an employee of any residential health care facility in which the Declarant is a patient; 4) designated as agent or alternate under this document ; or 5) a beneficiary or creditor of the estate of the Declarant.

Dated at _____ (county, state),
this _____ day of _____, 20_____.

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Witness 1

Signature:_____

Printed Name:_____

Date:_____

Address: _____

Witness 2

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date:_____

Address: _____