

## Advance Care Planning Document Differentiations

	MI-POST	Michigan DNR	AD/DPOAH
<b>Intended Population</b>	Adults who have advanced frailty or serious illness resulting in a shortened life expectancy of a year or less.	Adults or minors (less than 18 years of age unless emancipated) with an advance illness or significant functional impairment that is not reversible and anticipated to progress toward death despite therapies or modulation	Adults, including emancipated minors.
<b>Document Intention</b>	Identifies <i>what</i> care the patient should receive if they require medical attention.	Identifies that the patient <i>should not</i> receive CPR.	Identifies <i>who</i> the patient has designated as their patient advocate(s). May, or may not, outline wishes about medical treatments, CPR or life-sustaining treatment preferences.
<b>Form</b> <i>Accessibility &amp; Applicability</i>	Standardized by State Accessible on the MDHHS MI-POST site.  Applicable immediately upon signing	State has requirements for form validity, but has no accessible form to print and use.  Applicable immediately upon signing	State has requirements for form validity and many varieties exist. Many options available on-line.  Applicable only upon activation
<b>Who Completes</b>	The patient's treating physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant in collaboration with the patient (or the patient's Patient Advocate/Guardian when applicable).	The patient's treating physician in collaboration with the patient (or the patient's Patient Advocate/Guardian when applicable).	The patient.
<b>Signature Requirements</b>	1. The patient's treating physician, NP, or PA 2. The patient (or the patient's Patient Advocate/Guardian when applicable).	1. The patient's treating physician. 2. The patient (or the patient's Patient Advocate/Guardian when applicable).	1. The patient 2. Two witnesses 3. The patient advocate(s), upon acceptance.
<b>Witnessing Requirements</b>	NO	YES; 2 Witnesses  Witnesses must be 18 years of age or older, at least 1 of whom is not a spouse, family member or presumptive heir to the patient.	YES; 2 Witnesses  Witnesses must be at least 18 years of age and cannot be any listed patient advocates, family members, healthcare or mental health facility employees where the patient receives care, or employee of a life or health insurance provider.
<b>Actionable by EMS</b>	YES	YES	NO
<b>Interpretation</b>	Easily interpreted	Easily interpreted	Sometimes vague; Hypothetical in nature

For more information, click on the following links:

- [Michigan AD/DPOAH Statutes;](#)
- [MDHHS MI-POST Site;](#)
- [Michigan Do Not Resuscitate Procedure Act.](#)