

## **Advance Directives**

### **EMS Commission Policy for Advance Directive Education**

Emergency Medical Providers must expand their scope of practice to include a more thorough understanding of the Indiana Advance Directives, including the new Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment as well as the Living Will and Out-of-Hospital Do Not Resuscitate, for which their patient's may choose to utilize. The education shall be approved by the Indiana Department of Homeland Security and meet the EMS Commission approved program requirements and objectives.

### **Candidate Prerequisites**

The following are required prerequisites for individuals seeking to expand their scope of practice to include all of the Indiana Advance Directives:

1. Must be currently certified as an Indiana EMR (or higher)  
-OR-
2. Be currently enrolled in an Indiana Department of Homeland Security approved EMS training program.

### **Instructor Qualifications**

Shall be an experienced educator, approved by the administering Training Institution or Supervising Hospital. Instructors should be capable and able to encourage interactive learning, facilitate discussions on the topic, apply different styles of instruction as needed, and provide remedial education when required.

### **Minimal Equipment Needs and Instructor Resources**

1. Educational component
2. Samples of the Indiana Advance Directives

### **Minimal Time for Didactic and Laboratory**

One hour

### **Clinical Requirements**

There is not a clinical requirement for this module.

### **Course Completion Requirements**

All students must successfully pass the Indiana EMS POST Exam either prior to certification as an Indiana EMR, EMT, AEMT, or Paramedic or within their next certification cycle beginning on January 1, 2014.

## Course Objectives

### Terminal Objective:

At the completion of this unit of instruction, the participant shall be able to:

1. Formulate a treatment plan to include receiving Advance Directive forms in the prehospital setting, which may or may not result in transporting a patient - in conjunction with Medical Direction or Standing Orders.

### Enabling Objective:

At the completion of this unit of instruction, the participant shall be able to:

1. Identify the following for Advance Directives, as they relate to the scope of practice:
  - a. What is an Advance Directive
  - b. Who qualifies as an Authorized Representative
  - c. Identify a living will and determine its prehospital use(s)
  - d. Identify an Out-of-Hospital Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) and determine its prehospital use(s)
  - e. Identify Physician Orders for Scope of Treatment (POST) and determine its prehospital use(s)
  - f. Understand the situations when you might not honor an Advance Directive
  - g. Understand the role of Medical Direction in Advance Directives
  - h. Competently utilize all of the Advance Directives in scenario situations
  - i. Understand what is required for each Advance Directive to be valid

**Individuals who show competency and successful completion of this Indiana Advance Directive Module, including didactic education, scenarios, and written exam, may participate in the utilization of the Indiana Advance Directives with full competence.**