



**HEALTH CARE SERVICES
DIRECTIVE-YOUTH SERVICES
Manual of Policies and Procedures**

Title

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

Legal References (includes but is not limited to)	Related Policies/Procedures (includes but is not limited to)	Other References (includes but is not limited to)
IC 11-8-2-5	01-02-101	National Correctional Healthcare Standards

I. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this Health Care Services Directive (HCSD) is to provide direction regarding the use of Advance Directive in Division of Youth Services (DYS) settings.

II. GUIDELINES:

1. Advance Directives provide guidance to health care providers in advance of such need, especially in the setting of a patient who is unable to develop informed consent or refusal.
2. DYS Wardens have full medical guardianship for youth in custody in their facilities. Due to this, there is no need to develop Advance Directives that might address interventions during periods of youth incapacitation. No Advance Directives shall be completed in DYS facilities.
3. If an off-site hospital contacts the Warden with the hospital's recommended actions regarding a youth's care, the Warden shall consult with the youth's Legal Guardian and the Executive Director of Youth Services. If there is no Legal Guardian outside the Warden, the Warden shall consult with the Executive Director of Youth Services and the relevant State agency. The Warden shall agree with the hospital's recommendation unless reasonable justification exists to disagree with the hospital's recommendations.

III. APPLICABILITY:

This HCSD is applicable to all facilities housing youths.

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Date