

Illinois law gives patients the right to accept or reject medical treatment. You also have the right to give directions, in advance, about the kind of healthcare you want if the time comes that you cannot make your own decisions. Advance directives are written statements you make in advance about your future medical treatment decisions. If you are 18 years of age or older and of “sound mind,” you can complete an advance directive. Illinois law recognizes three types of advance directives: Power of Attorney for Health Care, Living Will and Mental Health Treatment Preference Declaration.

If you would like more information regarding these documents or need assistance in completing forms, please notify your nurse or social worker.