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While we do not sell or provide Advance Directive forms (aka Living Will, Medical Power of Attorney, Do Not Resuscitate, etc.), please see information below derived from the Texas Partnership for End-of-Life Care website. We recommend that you visit their site (www.txpec.org) where you can download forms at no charge and find relevant information. The Hood County Library offers free internet access.

(information below copied from www.txpec.org website)

Advance Directives

There are three legal documents that protect one's right to specify the treatment one wants, or to refuse medical treatment one does not want, in the event a person loses the ability to make decisions.

1. Texas Medical Power of Attorney

- Lets you name someone to make decisions about your medical care-including decisions about life support-if you can no longer speak for yourself.
- Your attending physician must certify in writing that you are unable to make health care decisions, and file the certification in your medical record.

2. Texas Directive to Physicians and Family or Surrogates (Living Will)

- Lets you state your wishes about medical care in the event that you develop a terminal or irreversible condition and can no longer make your own medical decisions.
- Becomes effective when your attending physician certifies in writing that you are in a terminal or irreversible condition.

3. The Out-of-Hospital Do Not Resuscitate Order (OOH DNR)

The OOH DNR program allows individuals to decide that they do not want to be resuscitated if they stop breathing and their heart stops beating. The program allows people to declare that certain resuscitative measures will not be used on them. Those resuscitative measures specifically listed in the OOH DNR legislation are cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), advanced airway management, defibrillation, artificial ventilations, and transcutaneous cardiac pacing.