

**GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING  
RESIDENT'S WISHES UNDER AN ADVANCE DIRECTIVE**

In making health care decisions for others, an Agent or Surrogate is to base the decision on the Resident's wishes. The following are to be considered in determining the Resident's wishes.

**Wishes of the Resident**

In determining the wishes of the Resident, a legally authorized decision maker must consider:

1. The Resident's current diagnosis and prognosis with and without the treatment proposed;
2. The Resident's expressed preferences regarding the provision of, or the withholding or withdrawal of, the specific treatment proposed or of similar treatments;
3. The Resident's relevant religious and moral beliefs and personal values;
4. The Resident's behavior, attitudes, and past conduct with respect to the proposed treatment and to medical treatment generally;
5. The Resident's reactions to the provision of, or the withholding or withdrawal of, a similar treatment for another individual; and
6. The Resident's expressed concerns about the effect on the family or intimate friends of the Resident if a treatment were provided, withheld or withdrawn.