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## A closer look at The Joint Commission AD Standards

The Joint Commission Standards on Advance Directives require that hospitals comply with the Patient Self Determination Act

***SIMPLY PROVIDING INFORMATION ON ADVANCE DIRECTIVES IS INSUFFICIENT; THE SUBJECT MUST BE DISCUSSED SO THAT PATIENTS UNDERSTAND THEIR OPTIONS FOR DECISION-MAKING.***

### The Joint Commission (TJC) Standards on Advance Directives

#### **Standard RI.01.05.01**

- **EP 1.** Hospital has written Policies and Procedures on advance directives in accordance with law and regulation:
  - Including P&P on forgoing or withdrawing life sustaining treatment, and
  - P&P on withholding resuscitative services
- **EP 4.** In outpatient settings, hospital's written AD policies specify:
  - whether hospital will honor AD in outpatient setting and
  - in which outpatient setting AD will be honored
- **EP 5.** Hospital actually implements its AD policies
- **EP 6.** Hospital provides patients with written information about AD, including:
  - foregoing or withdrawing life sustaining treatment
  - withholding resuscitative services
- **EP 8.** On admission, hospital provides patient with information if hospital unable or unwilling to comply with AD
- **EP 9.** Hospital documents if patient has or does not have an AD
- **EP 10.** Hospital refers patient for assistance in drafting AD upon request
- **EP 12.** Hospital honors patient's right to review and revise AD

- **EP 13.** Hospital honors AD in accordance with law and regulation and the hospital's capabilities
- **EP 15.** Hospital documents patient's wishes concerning organ donation when patient makes such wishes known, or as required by P&P and laws and regulations
- **EP 16.** Hospital honors patient's wishes concerning organ donation within limits of hospital's capabilities and laws and regulations
- **EP 17.** Access to care is not determined by whether or not patient has an AD
- **EP 19.** For outpatient hospital settings: Hospital communicates its AD policy upon request or when warranted by the care, treatment and services provided
- **EP 20.** For outpatient hospital settings: hospital refers patient to resources for assistance with drafting an AD