

Connecticut Instruction Directives/Health Care Proxy (reflecting changes in the law effective October 1, 2006)

TOOL	FORM	SUMMARY	TRIGGERING CONDITION	EXECUTION REQUIREMENTS	REVOCATION REQUIREMENTS
Living Will	<p>C.G.S. Section 19a-575</p> <p>or use combined form in C.G.S. Section 19a-575a</p>	<p>Furnishes instructions on any aspect of health care and, if so specified, authorizes physician or licensed medical facility to withhold, remove or cause removal of life support system of an incapacitated patient who is deemed to be in a terminal condition or permanently unconscious</p>	<p>C.G.S. Section 19a-579</p> <p>Document is furnished to attending physician and patient is determined by attending physician to be incapacitated (unable to understand and appreciate the nature and consequences of health care decisions and to reach and communicate an informed decision regarding treatment)</p>	<p>C.G.S. Section 19a-575</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) must be at least 18 years old 2) must be signed and dated by maker with at least two witnesses and “<u>may be</u> in substantially” the statutory form 	<p>C.G.S. Section 19a-579a</p> <p>May be revoked at any time and in any manner by the declarant, without regard for his/mental or physical condition</p>
Appointment of Health Care Representative	<p>C.G.S. Section 19a-577</p> <p>or use combined form in C.G.S. Section 19a-575a</p>	<p>Authorizes the health care representative to make any and all health care decisions for the declarant, including decisions to accept or refuse any treatment, service or procedure used to diagnose or treat physical or mental conditions</p>	<p>C.G.S. Section 19a-579</p> <p>Document is furnished to attending physician and patient is determined by attending physician to be incapacitated (unable to understand and appreciate the nature and consequences of health care decisions and to reach and communicate an informed decision regarding treatment)</p>	<p>C.G.S. Section 19a-576(a)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) must be at least 18 years old 2) must be signed and dated in presence of two adult witnesses who must also sign (health care representative may not act as witness) 3) special witnessing rules apply to residents/patients of a) facilities run by DMHAS and DMR; and b) long-term care facilities including hospitals <p>C.G.S. Section 19a-577</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) “may, but need not be in substantially” the statutory form 	<p>C.G.S. Section 19a-575a(b)</p> <p>Except as provided by Section 19a-579b, must be revoked by declarant in writing and signed by declarant and two witnesses</p> <p>C.G.S. Section 19a-579b</p> <p>Divorce, legal separation, annulment, or dissolution revokes appointment of principal’s spouse unless principal specifies otherwise</p>

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Anatomical donations	C.G.S. Sections 19a-279b or use combined form in C.G.S. Section 19a-575a	Authorizes the donation of all or part of a human body to take effect upon or after death	Death 1) a gift not revoked before death is irrevocable and requires no additional consents or concurrences from any other person 2) if gift is made by imprint on driver's license, revocation, suspension, expiration or cancellation of license does not invalidate gift	C.G.S. Section 19a-279b 1) must be at least 18 years old 2) <u>make by document of gift</u> signed by donor (if donor cannot sign, signed by another person and two witnesses at the direction of and in presence of donor) 3) <u>make by imprint on driver's license</u> in compliance with the document of gift requirements in #2 4) <u>make by will</u>	C.G.S. Section 19a-279b Document of Gift: revoke by 1) a signed statement; or 2) the delivery of a signed statement to a specified donee to whom a document had been delivered Will: revoke in manner provided for amendment or revocation of wills, or as otherwise provided by above revocation requirements
Advance Designation of Conservator	C.G.S. Section 45a-645 or use combined form in C.G.S. Section 19a-575a	Gives notice to Probate Court of declarant's preferred conservator	Individual is incapable of caring for him/herself	C.G.S. Section 45a-645 1) must be at least 18 years old 2) must be of sound mind 3) executed and witnessed in the same manner as provided for wills in Sections 45a-251 and 45a-257 (person designated as conservator may not be witness)	C.G.S. Section 45a-645 Revoked in the same manner as provided for wills in Sections 45a-251 and 45a-257
Advance designation of disposition of remains	C.G.S. Section 45a-318	Furnishes instructions concerning disposition of remains and may designate an individual to have custody and control of the body and to carry out the instructions	Death	C.G.S. Section 45a-318 1) must be at least 18 years old and of sound mind 2) must be signed and dated by the maker and two witnesses	C.G.S. Section 45a-318 Revoked by subsequent execution of form.
Designation of Person for Decision-Making and Certain Rights and Obligations	C.G.S. Section 1-56r	Designates another person 18 or older to make certain decisions on behalf of maker	As provided for in separate statutes concerning living wills and anatomical gifts (among others)	C.G.S. Section 1-56r 1) must be at least 18 years old 2) must be signed, dated and acknowledged by the maker before a notary public 3) must witnessed by at least two people	C.G.S. Section 1-56r May be revoked at any time by burning, canceling, tearing, obliterating or executing subsequent document