

## HOSPITAL NAME

*Place this form in patient's  
medical record.*

Patient information:

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### ACTIVATION OF DURABLE POWER OF ATTORNEY – HEALTH CARE

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(Physician) (Patient)

and have determined he/she is incapacitated and incapable of understanding and making healthcare decisions based on: \_\_\_\_\_.

Activation of his/her Durable Power of Attorney-Health Care is necessary. This patient is incapacitated and will continue to be incapacitate for the period of time during which treatment discussions will be required.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Physician

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Date

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I have provided a copy of this activation form to \_\_\_\_\_, the patient's  
(Name of Agent)

health care agent, and have placed a copy in the patient's medical record.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Hospital Staff

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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#### PURPOSE OF THIS FORM

When a patient has lost capacity to make his or her own health care decisions and has a Power of Attorney for Health Care, the document is activated so that the patient's Health Care Agent is legally authorized to make health care decisions for the patient. The law requires that two physicians attest in writing that the patient has lost decision making capacity. This form may be used to facilitate this required documentation.

#### INSTRUCTIONS

The signature of the hospital staff member in the last section may be any person assuring that the copies of this form were provided to the Health Care Agent and another copy placed in the patient's medical record. This may be **any** hospital employee, but usually will be a social worker or registered nurse.