

How to Register Your Advance Directive

Step 1

A person who has executed an advance health care directive may register information regarding the directive with the Secretary of State. This information is made available upon request to the registrant's health care provider, public guardian, or legal representative. A request for information must state the need for the information.

You must first prepare and execute an advance health care directive. To obtain or create an advance health care directive:

- Contact your health care provider.
- Consult with private legal counsel.
- Refer to the [Office of the Attorney General's website](#).
- Refer to Probate Code section [4701](#).

Step 2

Once the advance health care directive has been prepared and executed, information regarding the advance health care directive may be registered with the Secretary of State by completing the [Registration of Written Advance Health Care Directive](#) (pdf ~140KB; included). The Registration of Written Advance Health Care Directive is a voluntary filing. Once the Registration of Written Advance Health Care Directive form has been completed, the form should be mailed to:

Secretary of State
Advance Health Care Directive Registry
P.O. Box 942877
Sacramento, CA 94277-0001

- There is a \$10 fee for filing a new registration form or a revocation of prior directive combined with a new registration.
- The same form can be used to amend information on a previously filed registration form or revoke the registration by checking the applicable box on the form. There is no fee for filing an amendment or revocation.
- The advance health care directive can be made a part of the Secretary of State registry by attaching a copy of the advance health care directive to the Registration of Written Advance Health Care Directive filed with the Secretary of State. As an alternative to providing a copy of the advance health care directive, its location can be indicated on the registration form.
- A registrant must re-register upon execution of a subsequent advance directive.

For further information, please refer to Probate Code sections [4701](#) and [4800](#) and to the [Office of the Attorney General's website](#).