

What is the purpose of P.A. 193?

The purpose of P.A. 193 is to provide a guideline for prehospital providers, who under certain circumstances may accommodate patients who do not wish to receive and/or may not benefit from cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and to facilitate kind, humane and compassionate service for patients who have executed a valid "DNR Order".

P.A. 179 requires that all pre-hospital (EMS) patient care be provided under the direction of a "medical control authority" which is administered by the Department of Consumer & Industry Services - EMS Division and Alpena General Hospital serves as the Medical Control Authority (MCA) for this region. Prior to the new legislation, EMS could not honor: DNR Orders, Advanced Directives, Living Wills, Power of Attorneys, etc.

How do I execute a DNR Order?

REQUIREMENTS FOR STANDARD ORDER -

- A person who is 18 years of age or older and of sound mind may execute a DNR order.
- A patient advocate of a person who is 18 years of age or older may execute a DNR order.
- DNR order forms must include language provided in the act.
- DNR orders must be dated and executed voluntarily and signed by each of the following:
 - declarant or person in the presence, and on directions of the declarant
 - declarant's attending physician
 - two witnesses (one of which is not the spouse, parent, child, grandchild, sibling, or presumptive heir)
- Declarant maintains possession of order and has it available at his/her residence or other setting

outside of a hospital, nursing home, or mental health facility.

- The attending physician is responsible for making a copy of the order and inserting it into the patient's permanent medical record.
- AGH Policy - attending physician must write new DNR order each time patient is admitted; the DNR I.D. band alone is not sufficient.
- If the DNR order is not substantially the same as the form approved by the local MCA, Medical Control must be contacted for direction.
- If the order is presented after treatment is begun, treatment will be discontinued.
- If the declarant or advocate revokes the order, resuscitation efforts will be initiated and Medical Control shall be contacted for direction.

REQUIREMENTS FOR ADHERENT OF CHURCH OR RELIGIOUS DENOMINATION -

- A person who is 18 years of age or older, of sound mind and adherent of church or religious denomination whose members depend upon spiritual means through prayer alone for healing (or patient advocate of above) may execute a DNR order.
- DNR orders must be dated and executed voluntarily and signed by each of the following:
 - declarant or person in the presence, and on directions of the declarant
 - two witnesses (one of which is not the spouse, parent, child, grandchild, sibling, or presumptive heir)