

Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital Policy

Advance Directives

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Date:

The Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital (VPCH) recognizes and supports an adult patient's right to self-determination with regard to health care decisions; including treatment provided during periods of incapacity and at the end of life, and decisions relating to organ donation and other anatomical gifts.

VPCH will, to the full extent required by law, honor a patient's advance directive. VPCH will not refuse healthcare to any patient because the patient has executed an advance directive, nor will VPCH require a patient to execute an advance directive as a condition of receiving healthcare or charge a patient a different rate for care on account of the patient's having executed an advance directive.

Approved by:	Signature:	Date:
Paul Dupre, Commissioner, DMH		4-7-14