NEVADA LIVING WILL LOCKBOX

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DISCLAIMER

 This seminar is not a substitute for legal advice from an attorney.

WEB SITES

- www.nvsos.gov
- www.livingwilllockbox.com

PURPOSE

- The intent of this seminar is to show how to file the following two documents with the Nevada Secretary of State.
- A durable power of attorney for health care, in which you name someone you trust to oversee your health care and make medical decisions should you become unable to do so.
- A living will, in which you spell out any wishes about the types of care you do or do not wish to receive if you are unable to speak for yourself. Your doctors and the person you name as your agent in your durable power of attorney for health care must do their best to follow any instructions you leave.

HISTORY

- Your right to direct your own health care is now well established. But that wasn't always the case. Just a few decades ago, heart-wrenching legal battles were fought to win permission to create a document stating that lifeprolonging treatments should be terminated -- or continued -- at the end of life.
- Landmark cases involving Karen Ann Quinlan and Nancy Cruzan -- two young women who became brain damaged and unable to communicate their wishes -opened the way to laws supporting health care documents. Now, every state has a law that permits you to express your health care wishes and requires medical personnel to follow those wishes -- or transfer you to the care of someone else who will do so.

 The Living Will Lockbox is a simple & secure approach to ensure that your medical wishes are followed.
 Maintained by the Secretary of State's office, a copy of your advance directive will be kept confidentially and readily available to you and your health care provider, when needed, 24-7.

The power to decide is yours. You choose who may have access to your documents filed in the Lockbox. Through the Lockbox, your health care provider may retrieve a copy of your advance directive during an emergency or illness.

About The Living Will Lockbox

 The Secretary of State is responsible for electronically storing and making available filed documents to the registrant and/or healthcare providers by request in conjunction with the registrant's medical care.

Simple

Any person may file an advance directive (NRS 449.965) in the form of a:

- Declaration governing the withholding or withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment
- Durable power of attorney for health care decisions
- Do-not-resuscitate order
- Registration is free. <u>Instructions</u>, <u>forms</u> and <u>resources</u> needed to register are available at <u>www.livingwilllockbox.com</u> or on the Secretary of State website <u>www.nvsos.gov</u>.

Secure & Confidential

Secure access to the Lockbox is granted to the registrant through an assigned registration number and password. It is at the discretion of the registrant to share this information with others.

Frequently Asked Questions

What is an advance directive?

An advance directive pursuant to <u>NRS 449.905</u> is a document stating one's wishes regarding end of life decisions, which includes but not limited to a: living will, health care proxy or similar document[s], including organ donor information.

Why do I need an advance directive?

An advance directive is the best approach in letting your wishes be known and honored by your family, friends and health care providers during an emergency or illness.

Why file a copy of my advance directive with the Living Will Lockbox?

The Lockbox ensures your voice is heard when end of life decisions arise. An electronic copy of your advance directive is stored with the Lockbox and is immediately available to your health care provider.

What types of advance directives can be filed with the Lockbox?

An advance directive may be filed with the Lockbox in the form of a:

- Declaration governing the withholding or withdrawal of life-sustaining treatment (<u>NRS 449.535 NRS 449.690</u>)
- Durable power of attorney for health care decisions (<u>NRS 449.800 NRS 449.860</u>)
- Do-not-resuscitate order (NRS 450B.420)
- Who should know about my advance directive?

It is wise to share your decisions with your family, friends and health care providers. That way if a medical situation arises, you will appreciate that those you trust will know and honor your medical treatment decisions.

Frequently Asked Questions PART 2

 Can I make changes to my advance directive once I have filed it with the Lockbox?

You may make changes to your advance directive but should immediately notify the Lockbox of any changes. An <u>Authorization to Change Form</u> is required to amend or make any changes to your Lockbox file along with a copy of the new/changed documents, if applicable.

Does it cost anything to file my advance directive with Lockbox?There is no cost to store an electronic copy of your advance directive with the Living Will Lockbox.

If I am a health care provider, how do I become an authorized health care provider with access to documents?

Fill out the <u>Provider Application/Agreement Form</u> and once approved, you will receive provider access.

Can an agent acting on my behalf file with the Living Will Lockbox?

Yes, an agent (as defined in NRS 132.045) may file documents on your behalf. The agent is required to submit a complete Registration Agreement along with their signature stating that they are authorized to sign on your behalf.

File With Living Will Lockbox

REGISTER:

A person who wishes to register an advance directive must submit to the Lockbox, c/o the Secretary of State a completed and signed Registration Agreement, along with a copy of the advance directive. Do not send the original Advance Directive.

- Submit the completed Registration Agreement form and the copy of the advance directive to:
- The Living Will Lockbox c/o Nevada Secretary of State 101 North Carson St., Suite 3

Carson City, NV 89701 or via FAX to (775) 684-7177 ACCESS:

Once the Registration Agreement form and copy of the advance directive is received, an electronic reproduction of the advance directive will be stored in the Lockbox. Within 10 business days of submittal, the registrant will be provided with a wallet card containing the registration number and password to be used for access to documents.

IMPORTANT:

Once you have received your registration card, it is important to keep it with you so that it's available in case of an emergency or illness. It is also wise to share your registration number and password with your family, friends or health care providers to ensure that your medical treatment decisions are honored.

CHANGES:

Registrants should immediately notify the Lockbox of any changes by using the <u>Authorization to Change Form</u> and providing the Lockbox with a copy of the new/changed documents if applicable.

LIVING WILL ID CARD

Document registered at LivingWillLockbox.com

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Peel off and place these labels on your driver's license, identification cards, and insurance cards.



How To Access My Document:

- log on to www.LivingWillLockbox.com
- click "Access to Documents" and follow the instructions. If you do not have Internet access call (702) 486-2887 • (775) 684-5708

I understand that anyone who obtains this card can use it to access my documents and information.

Signature of Registrant



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Name: THOMAS EDWARD KIMBER Source: LivingWillLockbox.com

Registration ID#: NV0t Updated: September 24 Emergency contact: Ch

Phone: (702): Alt. Emergeni Phone: (206)



Peel off entire label, then carefully fold in half at center to create wallet card.



FINAL QUESTIONS