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§16-30C-13. Do-not-resuscitate order form; do-not-resuscitate identification; public education.

(a) The Secretary of the Department of Health shall implement the statewide distribution of do-not-resuscitate forms as described in section six of this article.

(b) Do-not-resuscitate identification as set forth in this article may consist of either a medical condition bracelet or necklace with the inscription of the patient's name, date of birth in numerical form and "WV do-not-resuscitate" on it. Such identification shall be issued only upon presentation of a properly executed do-not-resuscitate order form as set forth in section six of this article, a physician orders for scope of treatment form in which a qualified physician has documented a do-not-resuscitate order, or a do-not-resuscitate order properly executed in accordance with a health care facility's written policy and procedure.

(c) The secretary shall be responsible for establishing a system for the distribution of the do-not-resuscitate identification bracelets and necklaces.

(d) The secretary shall develop and implement a statewide educational effort to inform the public of their right to accept or refuse cardiopulmonary resuscitation and to request their physician to write a do-not-resuscitate order for them.

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