

Registration Policy

An advance directive is a legal document that conveys a person's wishes regarding their health care treatment and end of life choices should they become incapacitated or otherwise unable to make those decisions. The Vermont Advance Directive Registry is a database that allows people to electronically store a copy of their advance directive document in a secure database. That database may be accessed when needed by authorized health care providers, health care facilities, residential care facilities, funeral directors, and crematory operators. For more information, visit: <http://healthvermont.gov/vadr/>.

1. To register an advance directive via mail, fax, or email, the registrant must complete and send the Registration Agreement form along with a copy of the advance directive document to:
Vermont Ethics Network Fax: 1-802-828-2646
61 Elm Street, Suite 1 Email: VADRSupport@vtethicsnetwork.org
Montpelier Vermont 05602 **Email submissions must be in PDF format.*
2. Registrants who upload their document via user upload do not need to complete the Registration Agreement or Authorization to Change form. The necessary agreements and authorization will be completed during the on-line upload process.
3. Upon receipt of the Registration Agreement and attachments, the Registry will scan the advance directive and store it in the database along with registrant identifying information from the Registration Agreement. The Registry will send a confirmation letter to the registrant along with a registration number, instructions for using the registration number to access documents at the Registry website, a wallet card, and stickers to affix to a driver's license or insurance card. The registration is not effective until receipt of the confirmation letter and registration materials is made by registrant.
4. Registrants should share the registration number from the wallet card with anyone that should have access to their advance directives: for example, the registrant's agent, family members, or physician. Anyone may access a person's advance directive using the registration number. Additionally, when the registration number is not readily available, an authorized health care provider can search the Registry for a specific person's advance directive using a registrant's personal identifying information.
5. The registrant is responsible for ensuring that:
 - a. The advance directive is properly executed in accordance with the laws of the state of Vermont.
 - b. The copy of the advance directive sent to the Registry, if a photocopy of the original, is correct and readable.
 - c. The information in both the Registration Agreement and advance directive documents is accurate and up to date.
 - d. The Registry is notified as soon as possible of any changes to the advance directive or registration information by completing and submitting an Authorization to Change form with the changes appended, or preferably, with an updated copy of the advance directive to the Registry.
6. Initial registration as well as subsequent changes and updates to the registration information or the advance directive documents are free of charge.
7. The Registration Agreement shall remain in effect until the Registry receives reliable information that the registrant is deceased, or the registrant requests in writing that the Registration Agreement be terminated. When the Agreement is terminated, the Registry will remove registrant's advance directive from the Registry database, and the file will no longer be accessible to providers.
8. Only the Registry can change the terms of the Registration Agreement.