



# ADVANCE DIRECTIVES: *How Much Do You Know?*

Take a few minutes and see if you can match the term to its definition; definitions are listed on the back.

After you have completed the lesson, go back and try again to see how you did.

## TERMS

\_\_\_ WI is NOT a “Next of Kin” or “family consent” State

\_\_\_ Advance directive

\_\_\_ Witness

\_\_\_ Agent

\_\_\_ Declaration to Physicians (Living Will)

\_\_\_ Power of Attorney for Healthcare

\_\_\_ Authorization for Final Disposition

## DEFINITIONS

- A. A person authorized to act on behalf of another.
- B. A document which allows you to designate a representative who will have the legal authority to make decisions regarding your funeral arrangements and the disposition of your body.
- C. A document you complete that describes, in writing, your choices about the medical treatments you want, or do not want, if you become incapacitated and cannot express your wishes. It allows you to express your feelings about how health care decisions should be made for you and who you designate to make those decisions on your behalf. Anyone who is of sound mind and of age 18 may complete these forms.
- D. Wisconsin law does not authorize family members (except for hospice admissions) to make decisions for incapacitated.
- E. Must be at least 18 years of age, not related to you by blood, marriage, domestic partnership, or adoption and not directly financially responsible for your health care. It cannot be a health care provider who is serving you at the time the document is signed.
- F. A type of advance directive that states the specific types of medical care that a person wishes to receive if they are no longer able to make medical decisions because of a terminal illness or being permanently unconscious. It usually has instructions about whether to use certain treatments to help keep a person alive, such as the use of dialysis (kidney) machines, breathing tubes and CPR.
- G. A form that makes it possible for adults in Wisconsin to authorize other individuals to make health care decisions on their behalf should they become incapacitated.