

Guidance Document

“Other Do Not Resuscitate Order”

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To: Virginia licensed or certified health care providers to include EMS Providers

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RE: Guidance Document – Accepted “Other DNR Order” forms per Virginia Administrative Code

Virginia Administrative Code – DDNR Regulations **§12VAC5-66-60 – Other DNR Orders**, states –

- A) *Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to preclude licensed health care practitioners from following any Do Not Resuscitate Order in accordance with the applicable policies and procedures of the health care facility in which they practice.*
- B) *Qualified health care personnel are authorized to honor any Other Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Order as if it were a Durable Do Not Resuscitate Order when the patient is currently admitted to a hospital or other qualified health care facility or is in transit from a qualified health care facility provided that such order includes the same information as listed in subdivision 1 of 12VAC5-66-40, except that an Other DNR Order shall not be required to include the signature of the patient or a person authorized to consent for the patient on the order itself.*

Virginia Administrative Code – DDNR Regulation **§12VAC5-66-10 – Definitions**, defines “**Other DNR**” as “*Other Do Not Resuscitate Order*” or “*Other DNR Order*” means a written physician’s order not to resuscitate a patient in the event of cardiac or respiratory arrest on a form other than the authorized state standardized Durable DNR Form under policies and procedures of the health care facility to which the individual who is the subject of the order has been admitted.

Acceptable Virginia Durable DNR Orders shall also include:

- Alternate Durable DNR jewelry *as approved by the Virginia Office of EMS*
- Physician Order for Scope of Treatment (POST)
- Medical Orders for Scope of Treatment (MOST)
- Physician Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (POLST)
- Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST)
- Out of State DNR Orders
- EMS Transfer Orders by sending Physician can include a written DNR order and does not require the patient, or a person authorized to consent for the patient, signature on the order itself.

All DNR Orders must be in English ONLY! Healthcare providers are not required to be proficient in any other language. DNR orders written in another language will likely not be followed or understood by the provider.

Durable DNR Order information can be found on the Office of EMS website by following this [link](#).