Hardin County Board of Developmental Disabilities
POLICY

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Title: Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Orders		
Regulatory Authority:		
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Reviewer/Job Title: Support Services Nurse or designee		

DNR (DO NOT RESUSCITATE) ORDER

(A) POLICY STATEMENT

The HCBDD will take all reasonable steps necessary to preserve the life and safety of a person with developmental disabilities until the individual can receive emergency assistance. The HCBDD shall ensure that any DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) orders or advance directives which are a part of an individual's file will be given to emergency personnel and medical personnel when emergency treatment is required.

(1) If an individual provides a DNR order or Advance Directives to HCBDD:
(a) A copy of the DNR order or Advance Directives will be placed in a file in the nursing office;
(b) The individual and family/guardian will be educated on HCBDD's policy regarding DNRs and Advanced Directives; and
(c) DNR order or Advanced Directives will be updated annually.

(B) DEFINITIONS

"Advance Directives" refers to any type of writing or other evidence which shows the intent of an individual with respect to resuscitative or life-sustaining medical treatment.

"DNR Order" refers to the general category of orders signed by a physician which precludes initiation of resuscitative or life-sustaining treatment.