



Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

P.O. Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0570 Phone: 573-751-6400 FAX: 573-751-6010
RELAY MISSOURI for Hearing and Speech Impaired 1-800-735-2966 VOICE 1-800-735-2466

Margaret T. Donnelly
Director



Jeremiah W. (Jay) Nixon
Governor

PM-10-08
VM-10-06

January 13, 2010

MEMORANDUM FOR ALL HOME AND COMMUNITY BASED CARE PROVIDERS

FROM: Randy Rodgers, Interim Director *Randy Rodgers*
Division of Senior and Disability Services

SUBJECT: Outside the Hospital Do-Not-Resuscitate (OHDNR)

The Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS), Division of Senior and Disability Services (DSDS), would like to take this opportunity to make Home and Community Based Care Providers aware of the "Outside the Hospital Do-Not-Resuscitate" (OHDNR) order. The statutes regarding OHDNR, specifically Sections 190.600 to 190.621, RSMo may be viewed by accessing the following Web site: <http://www.moga.mo.gov/statutes/c190.htm>. As a result of the act, DHSS, Division of Regulation and Licensure promulgated rule 19 CSR 30-40.600. The rule became effective on August 31, 2009, and may be accessed at the Secretary of State's Web site: <http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/csr.asp>. Although Home and Community Based Care Providers are not required to do so, they are encouraged to inform recipients of Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) of the OHDNR option. Included herein are highlights regarding the OHDNR.

- A properly executed OHDNR order is only effective when the individual has not been admitted to or is not being treated within a hospital, including the hospital's emergency department.
- An OHDNR authorizes emergency medical services personnel to withhold or withdraw cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from an individual in a non-hospital setting in the event of cardiac or respiratory arrest.
 - However, emergency medical services personnel shall not withhold or withdraw other medical interventions, such as intravenous fluids, oxygen, or therapies to provide comfort care or alleviate pain.
- An OHDNR must be signed and dated by the individual and the attending physician, or the individual's legal representative and the attending physician.
- The OHDNR may be revoked at anytime by the individual or the individual's legal representative.
- The OHDNR order (form and instructions) are available at the Emergency Medical Services Bureau office, online at www.dhss.mo.gov/EMS, or by mailing a written request to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, EMS Bureau, PO Box 570, Jefferson City, MO 65102-0570.

Any questions regarding this memorandum should be directed to the Bureau of Program Integrity via e-mail at programintegrity@dhss.mo.gov or by phone at 573/526-8557.

RR/TH

CC: Distribution Lists 3 & 4

www.dhss.mo.gov

Healthy Missourians for life.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services will be the leader in promoting, protecting and partnering for health.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY / AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYER: Services provided on a nondiscriminatory basis.