

How to Request Durable Do Not Resuscitate Forms

Who Can Request Durable Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Forms

“Distribution of Durable DNR Forms – Authorized Durable DNR Forms, with instructions, shall be available only to physicians and to any facility, program or organization operated or licensed by the Board of Health or by the Department of Mental Health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services or operated, licensed or owned by another state agency.” – 12vac5-65-70.e Emergency Regulations Governing the Durable Do Not Resuscitate Program, State Department of Health, January 3, 2000.

The Virginia Department of Health cannot issue a Durable DNR Order Form directly to a patient. It can only be issued by a physician to a patient with whom there is a bona fide physician/patient relationship. It is this physician’s responsibility to discuss information on the Durable DNR Form with the patient or the person authorized to consent on the patient’s behalf.

How to Order Durable DNR Forms

All requests for Durable DNR forms must be submitted to the Office of Emergency Medical Services on a Durable DNR request form. A request can be faxed to 804-371-3543. Forms are mailed once a week. Average time for receiving forms is two to three weeks. Please do not call to check on the status of your order unless you haven’t received the requested forms after three weeks. **Once you receive your Durable DNR forms, please discard any unused EMS DNR Forms.**

Sample Durable DNR Forms are available for facilities to use for patient education. If you have further questions about ordering the forms contact the Durable DNR Forms Distribution Assistant at 804-371-3500.

Requests cannot be accepted if they are written on an EMS DNR Order request form (no longer being used), fax cover sheet or prescription pad. Phone orders cannot be accepted.

EMS DNR Bracelets Are No Longer Available

DNR bracelets, which aren’t required by law, are no longer being issued. There are no alternative forms of Durable DNR identification approved by the Virginia Dept. of Health at this time.

For More Information on the Durable DNR Order Program

The Emergency Regulations Governing the Durable DNR Program, Virginia Durable DNR Protocols for EMS Personnel, How to Request Durable DNR Forms and the Durable DNR request form are posted on the Office of Emergency Medical Services Web site – www.vdh.state.va.us/oems/licensur.htm.

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