

## 2021 Kansas Statutes

**65-4941. Do not resuscitate orders or directives; definitions.** As used in this act:

- (a) "Cardiopulmonary resuscitation" means chest compressions, assisted ventilations, intubation, defibrillation, administration of cardiotoxic medications or other medical procedure which is intended to restart breathing or heart functioning;
- (b) "do not resuscitate" directive or "DNR directive" means a witnessed document in writing, voluntarily executed by the declarant in accordance with the requirements of this act;
- (c) "do not resuscitate order" or "DNR order" means instruction by the physician or physician assistant who is responsible for the care of the patient while admitted to a medical care facility licensed pursuant to K.S.A. 65-429, and amendments thereto, or an adult care home licensed pursuant to K.S.A. 39-928, and amendments thereto;
- (d) "health care provider" means a health care provider as that term is defined by K.S.A. 65-4915, and amendments thereto;
- (e) "DNR identifier" means a medallion or bracelet designed to be worn by a patient which has been inscribed to identify the patient and contains the letters "DNR" or the statement "do not resuscitate" when such DNR identifier is distributed by an entity certified by the emergency medical services board;
- (f) "physician" means a person licensed to practice medicine and surgery by the state board of healing arts;
- (g) "physician assistant" means a person licensed by the state board of healing arts to practice as a physician assistant; and
- (h) "declarant" means any person who has executed a "do not resuscitate" directive in accordance with the provisions of this act.

**History:** L. 1994, ch. 143, § 1; L. 2015, ch. 46, § 15; July 1.