POLICY
It is the policy of this Community to obtain documentation, *prior* to the Resident moving in, and in accordance with state specific regulations, which indicates each resident’s preferences regarding resuscitative measures.

PROCEDURES
**General**
- Keep any Advance Directive(s) that the Resident or legal representative gives to the Community behind the CPR/No CPR form in the Resident Health Record.
- The Community shall provide a request to forego resuscitative measures form to the Resident’s physician, if that is the desire of the Resident.
- The Community will ensure that all staff is aware of the policy and the procedures to follow in implementing the policy.
- Copies of this policy shall be given to each Resident who makes a request to forego resuscitative measures, and to the Resident’s primary physician.
- The Community prohibits staff, on behalf of any resident, from signing any advance directive document as a witness, or from being a legally recognized surrogate decision maker.
- If there are incongruent or questionable documents related to a resident’s CPR/No CPR status, Community staff will call 9-1-1 and initiate CPR until the emergency personnel arrive and the situation is clarified.

**CPR**
- The Community will obtain either the Resident’s or legal representative’s written consent to receive CPR or a request to withhold CPR, using the CPR/No CPR form or a state-mandated form.
  - Keep the CPR/No CPR or state-mandated form in the Resident Health Record behind the Resident’s face sheet.
- If the Resident or legal representative chooses to accept CPR, the appropriately trained staff will perform CPR, after telephoning 9-1-1, if a resident’s heart stops beating or the Resident appears to cease breathing in the Community, on the Community’s grounds,
while using a Community-owned vehicle, until medical emergency personnel assumes the responsibility of performing CPR.

**No CPR/Do Not Resuscitate (DNR)**

- If the Resident or legal representative provides documents that request to forego resuscitative measures on the CPR/No CPR form, a DNR order signed by the Resident’s physician must be on file in the Resident Health Record.

- Keep the CPR/No CPR, DNR order, or applicable state-mandated form signed by the Resident’s physician in the Resident Health Record, directly behind the Resident’s face sheet.

- Unless prohibited by state regulations, if a resident’s heart stops beating or the Resident appears to cease breathing in the Community, on the Community’s grounds, or while using a Community-owned vehicle and there is a current DNR order in their file, Community staff will **not** initiate CPR; however, **will** telephone 9-1-1 and await the arrival of the emergency personnel to assist.

- If state specific regulations **prohibit** the process above, the appropriately trained Community staff will telephone 9-1-1 and perform CPR until medical emergency personnel arrives and assumes the responsibility of evaluating the Resident’s condition and application of the DNR order.

- If the Resident is conscious and states that he/she wants resuscitative measures, then ignore the DNR form and initiate CPR.

**FORMS**

CPR Directive