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Q: If a resident wants to change their DNR (Uniform Do-Not Resuscitate Advance Directive), what are the requirements?

A: DNR orders are always voluntary and may be changed by a resident or his/her lawful representative at any time. Changing, modifying or revising a DNR form requires completion of a new DNR form. The form is also a physician’s order, which requires a physician’s signature to be carried out by health care providers. Every facility licensed under the Nursing Home Care Act shall establish a policy for implementation of physician orders limiting resuscitation through a DNR order. Verbal/phone orders are acceptable with follow-up signature by the attending physician in accordance with facility policy. Click here for the Illinois Department of Public Health Statement of Illinois Law on Advance Directives and DNR Orders and related attachments.