

# Does my living will and designation of healthcare surrogate need to be notarized?

No, not in the state of Florida. Most states require two witnesses and some states give the option of having it notarized or witnessed by two individuals.

## The following states require notarization:

**Arizona** – living will & healthcare power of attorney must be notarized and witnessed

**Connecticut** – healthcare proxy must be notarized

**Hawaii** – living will & durable power of attorney for healthcare must be notarized and witnessed

**Indiana** – healthcare proxy must be notarized

**New Hampshire** – Living will requires a notary or a justice of the peace AND two witnesses. Durable power of attorney for health care requires a notary public or justice of the peace OR two witnesses.

**North Carolina** - Declaration of desire for a natural death and Healthcare power of attorney require two witnesses and a notary public.

**South Carolina** - Declaration of desire for a natural death and Healthcare power of attorney require two witnesses and a notary public.

**Utah** - Utah directive to physicians and providers of medical services requires two witnesses. Utah special power of attorney requires notary.

**West Virginia** - Living will and medical power of attorney require two witnesses and a notary.

**Wyoming** - Durable power of attorney for health care requires two witnesses and a notary.

\* Requirements may change, please confirm with your state.

\* Many states include “Not valid if pregnant”.

\* Info from: [https://www.advancedirectivellc.com/advanced\\_directives\\_by\\_state.html](https://www.advancedirectivellc.com/advanced_directives_by_state.html)