

**§5-814. Effect of Part****1. No presumption concerning intention if no advance health care directive or if revoked.**

This Part does not create a presumption concerning the intention of an individual who has not made or who has revoked an advance health care directive.

[PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

**2. Death resulting from withholding or withdrawing health care.**

Death resulting from the withholding or withdrawal of health care in accordance with this Part does not for any purpose constitute a suicide or homicide or legally impair or invalidate a policy of insurance or an annuity providing a death benefit, notwithstanding any term of the policy or annuity to the contrary.

[PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

**3. Prohibited by other statutes.** This Part does not authorize mercy killing, assisted suicide, euthanasia or the provision, withholding or withdrawal of health care to the extent prohibited by other statutes of this State.

[PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

**4. Health care contrary to generally accepted health care standards.** This Part does not authorize or require a health care provider or health care institution to provide health care contrary to generally accepted health care standards applicable to the health care provider or health care institution.

[PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

**5. Admission to a mental health institution.** This Part does not authorize an agent or surrogate to consent to the admission of an individual to a mental health institution unless the individual's written advance health care directive expressly so provides.

[PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

**6. Other statutes governing treatment for mental illness.** This Part does not affect other statutes of this State governing treatment for mental illness of an individual involuntarily committed to a mental health institution.

[PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 (NEW); PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).]

**SECTION HISTORY**

PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. A, §2 (NEW). PL 2017, c. 402, Pt. F, §1 (AFF). PL 2019, c. 417, Pt. B, §14 (AFF).

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