

HOUSE BILL NO. HB0006

Advance health care directives-dementia.

Sponsored by: Representative(s) Larsen, L and Senator(s) Barlow

A BILL

for

1 AN ACT relating to the Wyoming health care decisions act;  
2 amending the definition of advance health care directive to  
3 include dementia directives; and providing for an effective  
4 date.

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6 *Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Wyoming:*

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8 **Section 1.** W.S. 35-22-402(a)(i) is amended to read:

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10 **35-22-402. Definitions.**

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12 (a) As used in this act:

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14 (i) "Advance health care directive" means an  
15 individual instruction or a power of attorney for health

1 care, or both.† The term includes, but is not limited to,  
2 directives for dementia as follows:

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4 (A) Dementia directives that provide  
5 individual instruction for health care decisions to address  
6 the gradual cognitive decline of a person who has been  
7 diagnosed with dementia. Dementia directives may include  
8 directions for health care decisions during each stage of  
9 dementia regarding the care to be rendered at each stage of  
10 the disease. Dementia directives may be used to augment a  
11 person's other advance health care directives in accordance  
12 with this article.

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14 **Section 2.** This act is effective July 1, 2025.

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