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Brief Description: Regulating advance health care directives.

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Provides that a principal with the decision-making capacity to do so may execute a psychiatric advance directive. A psychiatric advance directive may include one or more health care instructions to direct health care providers, others assisting with health care, family members, and a health care agent.

Authorizes a psychiatric advance directive to include a health care power of attorney to appoint a health care agent to make health care decisions for the principal when the principal, in the judgment of the principal's attending physician, lacks decision-making capacity, unless otherwise specified in the psychiatric advance directive.