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National Healthcare Decisions Day – April 16, 2009

April 16, 2009 is National Healthcare Decisions Day. The goal of the day is to encourage Americans to have thoughtful conversations about their healthcare goals and communicate their healthcare decisions by executing advance healthcare directives. Across the United States, healthcare providers, professionals, chaplains, attorneys, and others will focus attention on the importance of appointing healthcare decision-makers and expressing end-of-life care desires. These groups will educate Americans that they have the right to make decisions about their healthcare in the event they can not speak for themselves. They will also draw attention to the steps individuals can take to execute advance healthcare directives, such as appointments of healthcare representatives, healthcare powers of attorney and living will declarations, in accordance with applicable state laws.

Studies indicate that most Americans have not executed documents that name a healthcare decision-maker or a living will declaration to express their wishes for end-of-life care. As a result, families and healthcare providers regularly struggle when forced to make difficult healthcare decisions in a crisis in the absence of guidance from the patient. These stressful moments can be eased if individuals execute advance healthcare directives.

National Healthcare Decisions Day is a collaborative effort and many national organizations are participating, including AARP, American Health Lawyers Association, and the American Hospital Association. Additional information about the event is available at www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org.

If you have any questions about the event or want to discuss how Hall Render can help your organization build awareness of these important decisions please contact your Hall Render health law attorney or Sean J. Fahey at (317) 977-1472 or sfahey@hallrender.com.

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