



Commonwealth of Kentucky Cabinet for Health and Family Services

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Kentucky Recognizes National Healthcare Decisions Day: Tuesday, April 16

Families are encouraged to talk about end of life healthcare decisions now

FRANKFORT, Ky. (April 15, 2019) - The Department for Aging and Independent Living (DAIL), within the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS), is helping lead efforts to highlight the importance of making end of life healthcare decisions now, while you can, before it's too late. Various community, state, and national organizations are involved in the promotional campaign which has designated Tuesday, April 16, as National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD).

"As a result of National Healthcare Decisions Day, many more people in our community are having thoughtful conversations about their healthcare decisions and making their wishes known," said Shannon Gadd, Commissioner for the Department for Aging and Independent Living. "By having these discussions, you are giving your family a gift by not having to struggle with making difficult healthcare decisions."

The Cabinet has produced a video news story on this topic. It is available on the CHFS Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/kychfs>. Additional information, including an

“events near you” section, is available at the Cabinet’s homepage: www.chfs.ky.gov. Simply click on the National Healthcare Decisions Day icon. The National website is: www.nhdd.org.

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The Cabinet for Health and Family Services is home to most of the state's human services and healthcare programs, including the Department for Medicaid Services, the Department for Community Based Services the Department for Public Health, the Department for Aging and Independent Living and the Department for Behavioral Health, Developmental and Intellectual Disabilities. CHFS is one of the largest agencies in state government, with nearly 8,000 full- and part-time employees located across the Commonwealth focused on improving the lives and health of Kentuckians.