



WATCHTOWER

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TO ALL BODIES OF ELDERS IN THE UNITED STATES

Dear Brothers:

With this letter all congregations in the United States are receiving revised health-care durable power of attorney (DPA) forms and Advance Directive Guides, both of which are dated January 2001 (1/01). The DPA form may be provided to each baptized publisher who requests one whereas one guide per family should be sufficient. Publishers who have filled out the previous DPA form should fill out the revised form to take advantage of its new provisions. The congregation secretary should keep one DPA form and one Advance Directive Guide as originals for duplication purposes only. Thus, if more forms or guides are needed, the congregation secretary should make good quality, single-sided photocopies of these documents.

As each state has its own DPA form, publishers should use the form for the state in which they reside. If there are publishers who reside in a neighboring state, the congregation secretary should obtain an original form and guide for that state from a nearby congregation in that state. The secretary may then make good quality copies from that original form and guide and should keep the originals for duplication purposes. If obtaining a form and guide for a neighboring state is not practical, upon request the Society's Shipping Department will send one set of the materials for that state.

Additional information regarding the DPA will be provided in the January 2001 *Kingdom Ministry*. However, if you have questions about these revised materials, please do not hesitate to call the Society's Legal Department at (845) 306-1000. May Jehovah bless your efforts as you do all you can to uphold his law on 'abstaining from blood.'—Acts 15:28, 29.

With you in Kingdom service, we are

Your brothers,

Watchtower B. & T. Society
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Enclosures

P.S. Unused copies of the previous DPA form and question-and-answer guide should be discarded.