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**Health Lawyers Prepare for National Healthcare Decisions Day**

*American Health Lawyers Association Encourages All Americans to Learn about Advance Care Planning on National Healthcare Decisions Day April 16*

**WASHINGTON, DC** – The American Health Lawyers Association (AHLA), along with other national, state and community organizations, is pleased to help lead a massive effort to highlight the importance of advance health care decision-making—an effort that has culminated in the designation of April 16, 2015 as National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD).

As a participating organization in NHDD, AHLA is providing information and tools for the health law community and public to talk about their wishes with family, friends and health care providers, and execute written advance directives. These free Public Interest resources focused on long term care and end-of-life planning are also available at [www.healthlawyers.org/nhdd](http://www.healthlawyers.org/nhdd).

AHLA will be celebrating this important day during the 2015 Health Care Transactions Program in Nashville, TN, and virtually on AHLA’s social media platforms. NHDD’s informative website [www.nhdd.org](http://www.nhdd.org) provides a list of events in your area, downloadable resources, and news from sponsoring organizations.

“As a result of National Healthcare Decisions Day, many more people in our community can be expected to have thoughtful conversations about their health care decisions and complete reliable advance directives to make their wishes known,” said AHLA’s CEO **David S. Cade**. “The Association is pleased to continue our participation in National Healthcare Decisions Day, so that fewer families and health care providers will have to struggle with making difficult health care decisions in the absence of guidance from the patient.”

AHLA’s free Public Interest resources are developed to inform both the lay and health care communities to better understand complex health law issues and prepare for difficult health care-related situations, ultimately leading to better care and planning for patients and their communities.

For more information about National Healthcare Decision Day, please visit [www.nhdd.org](http://www.nhdd.org).

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