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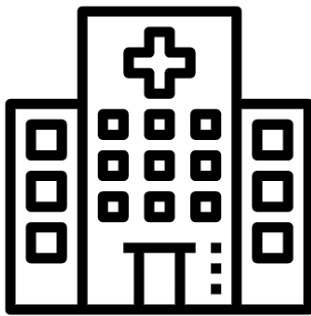
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Help For Going To The  
Hospital

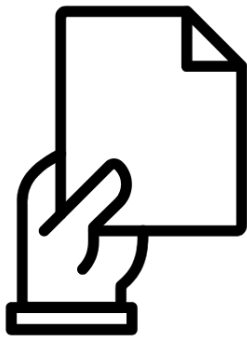
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These documents are for people with developmental disabilities and the people who support them



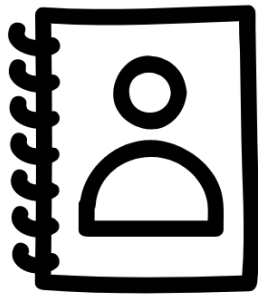
Some people with **COVID-19** may go to hospitals



These documents can help people at the hospital understand your needs



These documents tell people your rights



These documents tell people the kind of care and support YOU need

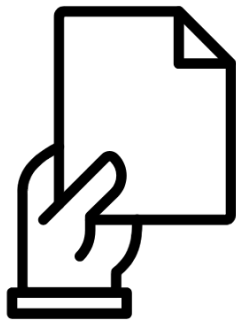


These documents tell people that you have a right to have someone stay with you in the emergency room or hospital



**My name is**

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The first pages explain what the government says about your rights

We left space at the top so you can write:

**“My name is**  
\_\_\_\_\_”

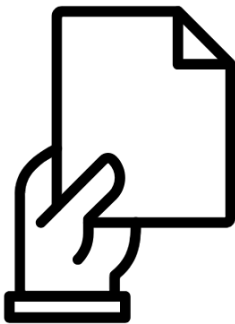
You can show it to people in the hospital so that they understand your rights



There are also words that a caregiver, family member, or supporter can say to the hospital staff for you



A supporter may have to speak up for you so the hospital understands your rights



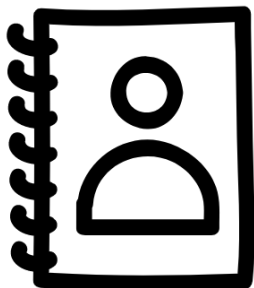
There is a document your supporter can give to the hospital



There is also a health form called “**COVID-19 Disability Form**”



You can fill out the form before you go to the hospital



It will tell the hospital some information about you so they can give you better support

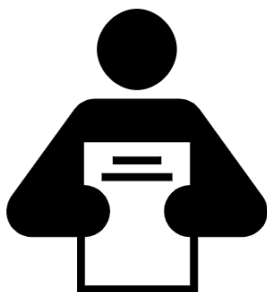


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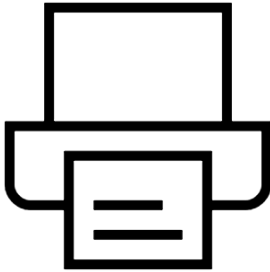
The last pages are guidance about your rights from New York State



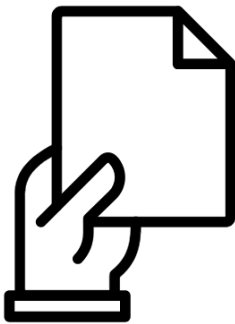
It says “Hospitals are required to permit a patient support person at the patient bedside”



You can show the document to a hospital so they understand what they are supposed to allow



Please print all of these documents and have them ready in case you need to go to the hospital



You want to be ready to give people at the hospital your documents



You or your supporter may have to tell people at the hospital your rights





We will keep advocating  
for your rights.



Stay in touch

We will send out updates  
when we get them