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**EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT POLICIES**

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**SUBJECT:** Health Care Proxy

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## Patient Population

Neonate	
Pediatric	
Adolescent	
Adult	√
Geriatric	√

**POLICY:**

The New York Health Care Agents and Proxies Law, effective January 18, 1991, enables all competent adults to designate a person of their choice (“the health care agent” or “agent”) to make health care decisions for them in the event they lose decision-making capacity.

**IMPLEMENTATION:**

1. There are signs posted in the Waiting Area regarding the NYS PROXY Law and how to obtain a form.
2. Informational brochures and Proxy forms (in English and Spanish) are available at the Registration desk.