

GENERAL POLICIES REGARDING HEALTH AND HEALTHCARE

- A Jesuit is expected to keep his local Superior informed regarding his health.
- The policy of the USA East Province is that each member of the Province completes the Advance Directive for Health Care. The Advance Directive should be reviewed/updated annually.
- A Jesuit is expected to have an annual meeting with the local healthcare coordinator regarding his current health and health care providers. Only Jesuits Applied (+) are required to see the local HC provider PAHC (Provincial Assistant for Healthcare)/HCC (Healthcare Coordinator). Those non-applied Jesuits (*) should see their home Province PAHC/HCC. These Jesuits may see the local health care coordinator or assistant on request of the individual Jesuit, and/or his superior, Socius or other leadership from his home province.
- Those assigned outside the U.S. should be in contact via email or Skype with every effort being made for a face-to-face meeting when home visits are made. This contact should be made annually.
- A Jesuit should make every effort to change medical providers when he is assigned to a different geographic area. If the Community does not have a list of recommended providers, the Provincial Assistant for Health Care or local healthcare coordinator may be of assistance.
- Before scheduling an appointment with any medical provider, a Jesuit should confirm that the provider participates in his health plan as an in-network provider.
- When a member of the Community is hospitalized, every effort and arrangement should be made to ensure that he is visited **each day** by someone from his community.
- The local Superior will obtain permission from the Jesuit prior to posting or disseminating any information related to his health.
- Medical information shall be treated as confidential and stored accordingly (locked cabinet or password-protected if electronic). Each Community shall ensure that basic medical information for each member is available to the Superior or acting Superior in the event of an emergency.