My Name is __________________

I have a developmental disability.
This is NOT a health condition.
You must NOT use it to make health care decisions about me.

By law, you are required to treat me the same as other people of my age and my health history. Thank you.

Discrimination on the basis of developmental disability is illegal: ‘persons with disabilities should not be denied medical care on the basis of stereotypes, assessments of quality of life, or judgments about a person’s relative “worth” based on the presence or absence of disabilities.’  [www.tinyurl.com/us-c19-mar28](http://www.tinyurl.com/us-c19-mar28)

I may need someone to support me during my ER visit and hospital stay. My support person will make it easier for the doctors and nurses to do their jobs.

Per NYS Department of Health, you are required to allow me to have a patient support person. And you must give them a gown, gloves and a mask. Thank you.

NYS Department of Health policy issued April 10th states that during this pandemic crisis: “Hospitals are required to permit a patient support person at the patient bedside for … patients with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities….”  [tinyurl.com/nys-c19-apr10](http://tinyurl.com/nys-c19-apr10)
For use by person with a person with developmental disability

I am here with a person who has a developmental disability.  This is NOT a health condition.
You must NOT use it to make health care decisions about this person. By law, you are required to treat this person the same as other people of their age and health history.

Thank you.

Discrimination on the basis of developmental disability is illegal:
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I am here to support a person with a developmental disability during their ER visit and hospital stay.
My involvement will make it easier for the doctors and nurses to do their jobs.
Per NYS Department of Health, you are **required** to allow me to act as a patient support person.
And you **must** give me a gown, gloves and a mask.

Thank you.

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