WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT BECOMING AN ORGAN, EYE AND TISSUE DONOR

ABOUT DONATION

- You must be 16 years of age or older to enroll in the New York State Donate Life Registry. If you are 16 or 17 years of age, parents or legal guardians may rescind or amend your decision upon your death. Upon reaching the age of 18, your enrollment shall be regarded as consent to donation.
- Your decision to donate will not affect your medical treatment. Donation is not considered until all efforts to save a person's life have failed.
- The organs, eyes and tissues you donate will go to patients in the greatest need. As many as 75 people can benefit from a single donor.
- There is no cost to the donor's family.

ABOUT THE DONOR REGISTRY

- NYS Department of Health (DOH) maintains New York State's organ, eye and tissue donor registry.
- The New York State organ, eye and tissue donor registry prior to July 2008 was a registry of intent. It contains the names of individuals who **intend** to be organ, eye and tissue donors; but **intent** does not constitute legal **consent** to be a donor. If you are listed in the old DOH **intent** registry, family consent will still be required for donation to occur upon your death.
- After July 2008, DOH created a new *Donate Life*[sm] Organ, Eye and Tissue Donor Registry. This **consent** registry contains only the names of individuals who have legally **consented** to be donors. For those whose names are in the consent registry, no family consent is required for donation to occur at the time of death.
- DMV provides customers the opportunity to **consent** to be donors and be enrolled in the New York State Donate Life **consent** registry. You do not have to apply for, or have, a NYS driver license, permit or non-driver ID card to enroll as a donor. DOH allows people to enroll in the consent registry through the DOH website. Also a donation organization can assist you in becoming a donor. You can also enroll as a donor on your NYS paper voter registration form.
- After you enroll, the NYS Department of Health will mail you a confirmation letter to provide you with additional information and an opportunity to limit your donation, if you choose to do so.
- Your name may be removed from the registry at any time by contacting DOH directly.
- For more information, contact the NYS Department of Health at (866) 693-6667 or at www.health.ny.gov **OR** call a donation organization listed below:

  Center for Donation & Transplant (Albany area) . . . . . 1-(800)-256-7811
  Unyts (Buffalo area). . . . . 1-(800)-227-4771
  Finger Lakes Donor Recovery Network (Rochester/Syracuse area) . . . . . 1-(800)-810-5494
  LiveOnNY (Metropolitan New York City area and Long Island) . . . . . 1-(800)-GIFT-4-NY (1-800-443-8469)

ABOUT ENROLLING THROUGH DMV

If you enroll through DMV, ***as part of*** a license, permit or non-driver ID transaction, there will be no additional fee to have the **"ORGAN DONOR"** ♥ added to your photo document. Likewise, there will be no additional fee to remove the ♥ from your photo document, if requested ***as part of*** a license, permit or non-driver ID transaction. However, to remove your name from the actual registry, you **must** contact DOH directly.

You may also request to add or remove the **"ORGAN DONOR"** ♥ to/from your photo document *as an independent* DMV transaction by applying at your local DMV office and paying the $17.50 fee for a replacement photo document.

License samples:

Prior to 2013:

After 2013:

Please note: If you enrolled to become a donor through DMV before July 22, 2008, the "ORGAN DONOR" on your DMVphoto document indicates **intent** not **consent**. To **consent** to be a donor, you must re-enroll in the New York State Donate Life **consent** registry.

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