



## **Joint Emergency Communications Center of Johnson County Notification of IPOST**

### **Protocol for Health Care Professionals**

Offer patients who reside in a private home or apartment in Johnson County (or are residing in Johnson County for a scheduled period of time) and their health care agents\* the opportunity to:

- 1) Notify the JECC that an IPOST is in the home.
- 2) Explain that it is voluntary, and would be a way to help ensure that their health care preferences are honored if the JECC is contacted.
- 3) Explain that the home address would be linked to the IPOST notification.

If the patient with decision-making capacity or health care agent requests that you inform the JECC of an existing IPOST order:

- 1) Ensure that your organization's release of information protocol has been followed.
- 2) Email name, address, phone number, age, and gender of the individual \*\* or complete and scan JECC Notification Form and email to [IPOST@JECC-EMA.org](mailto:IPOST@JECC-EMA.org) or fax to 319-338-0028 with Attention: IPOST. You will receive confirmation that the email was received within one business day.
- 3) Document that you contacted the JECC in the medical record.

Upon revocation of an IPOST, a change of address, a move to a nursing home or assisted living facility, or the death of a patient, please notify JECC by sending an email to [IPOST@JECC-EMA.org](mailto:IPOST@JECC-EMA.org). Thank you.

\*For the purpose of this document, health care agent is defined as the Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care (DPOA-HC) (A person who was legally appointed by the patient to make health care decisions if the patient becomes unable) OR their Surrogate according to the Iowa Code/Statute for Priority of Surrogates.

\*\* If the patient is temporarily living in a home, please list the dates that she or he will be residing at the listed address.