



### **National Healthcare Decisions Day Set for April 16**

**Hyannis, MA – The Pavilion Nursing Center**, along with other national, state and community organizations, are leading a massive effort to highlight the importance of advance healthcare decision-making—an effort that has culminated in the formal designation of April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014, as National Healthcare Decisions Day (NHDD). As a participating organization, **The Pavilion Nursing Center** is providing information and tools for the public to talk about their wishes with family, friends and healthcare providers, and execute written advance directives (healthcare power of attorney and living will) in accordance with **MA** state laws. These resources are available at **[www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org](http://www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org)**.

Specifically, on **Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014**, from **3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** **The Pavilion Nursing Center** is welcoming the public at **876 Falmouth Road, Hyannis, MA, (508) 775 - 6663**, with a free , informational seminar about advance care planning and advance directive forms. **Our Speaker, Bill Johnson, LICSW, of WHJ Consulting Services will be presenting information regarding these important decisions.**

“As a result of National Healthcare Decisions Day, many more people in our community can be expected to have thoughtful conversations about their healthcare decisions and complete reliable advance directives to make their wishes known,” said Cindy Parker, Director of Admissions, The Pavilion Nursing Center. “Fewer families and healthcare providers will have to struggle with making difficult healthcare decisions in the absence of guidance from the patient, and healthcare providers and facilities will be better equipped to address advance healthcare planning issues before a crisis and be better able to honor patient wishes when the time comes to do so.”

For more information about National Healthcare Decision Day, please visit **[www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org](http://www.nationalhealthcaredecisionsday.org)**.