

Medical Decision-Making Policies

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As a result of the 2015 U.S. Supreme Court ruling in [*Obergefell v. Hodges*](#), same-sex couples can marry nationwide, and married same-sex couples must receive the same recognition as married opposite-sex couples. As such, married same-sex spouses may make medical decisions for their spouses just as other spouses can. Challenges in making medical decisions may remain, as they do for other unmarried couples, for same-sex couples who choose not to marry.