-Hospitalized Electors-

Information Provided by the Wisconsin Elections Commission

I am in the hospital. How can I receive an absentee ballot?

Hospitalized Electors should follow these steps to request their absentee ballot. Hospitalized electors may appoint an agent to retrieve and deliver their absentee ballot if they are hospitalized in the 7 days before Election Day.

1. The hospitalized elector has used MyVote.wi.gov to complete their absentee ballot request form. In box 7 of the form, the voter has certified that they are hospitalized.
2. The hospitalized elector then appoints an agent to request/deliver the ballot on the elector's behalf. The elector may appoint anyone as their agent. The agent will need to provide their information on the absentee ballot application. The agent's information should appear in box 7 of the form.
3. If the elector is not registered, the elector must complete a voter registration application. The voter registration application can be found here: http://elections.wi.gov/forms/el-131-fillable. The agent may deliver the registration along with the absentee ballot request. The voter will also need to provide a proof of residence document with their registration. A proof of residence document proves where the voter lives in Wisconsin. More information on proof of residence can be found here: http://elections.wi.gov/publications/voter-guides/proof-of-residence
4. The agent for the hospitalized voter delivers a completed absentee ballot application or the written equivalent (and possibly the voter registration form) to the municipal clerk for the hospitalized elector's municipality of residence. The agent must also show a copy of the voter's photo ID, or the voter's original photo ID, to the municipal clerk when making the absentee ballot request. More information on what photo ID's can be used for voting can be found at: www.bringit.wi.gov
5. An agent must provide his or her proof of identification before the municipal clerk may issue an absentee ballot to the agent. The clerk should ensure that the identification matches the information on the application.
6. The municipal clerk issues an absentee ballot, absentee certificate envelope and uniform instructions in an absentee carrier envelope to the agent for the hospitalized elector.
7. The agent transports the absentee ballot to the hospitalized elector. The hospitalized elector votes the ballot in the presence of a witness. The hospitalized elector places the voted ballot in the absentee certificate envelope, seals and signs the envelope. The witness also needs to sign the absentee certificate envelope. The elector may choose their agent to also serve as their witness.
8. The agent must deliver or mail the absentee ballot in the certificate envelope to the elector's municipal clerk. If the agent is personally delivering the ballot, it must be delivered to the municipal clerk by 8 p.m. on Election Day. If the agent is mailing the completed ballot to the municipal clerk, it must be received by Election Day.