

Hospitalized Electors

Information Provided by the State of Wisconsin Government Accountability Board

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

If are in the hospital on Election Day, or up to 7 days before Election Day, follow these steps to get an absentee ballot:

1. A hospitalized elector must complete an absentee ballot request, <http://gab.wi.gov/forms/gab-121-english> , and on the request they will certify in Section 7 that he or she cannot appear at the polling place on Election Day because 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.
3. If the elector is not registered, the elector must complete a voter registration application. The voter registration application can be found here: <http://gab.wi.gov/forms/gab-131-english>.
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 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://gab.wi.gov/publications/voter-guides/proof-of-residence>
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 postmarked by Election Day and received by the municipal clerk no later than 4 p.m. the Friday following the election.

Voter Information: <http://myvote.wi.gov>

For more information, please visit the Government Accountability Board website:

<http://gab.wi.gov> or call 1-866-VOTE-WIS or contact the G.A.B. Help Desk

at 608-261-2028 or TTY 1-800-947-3529.