

# Medical Aid in Dying Policy [Organization Name]

Effective Date:

## Introduction

[Organization Name] has made the decision to opt-out of providing services authorized in the Colorado End-of-Life Act, for those eligible to receive those services or items. [Organization Name] believes we can provide compassionate care and comfort to our patients until the time of his or her natural death.

[Organization Name's] position on medical aid in dying will be communicated to all patients, physicians, workforce members, referral sources, partners, and the community.

## Colorado End-of-Life Act

The Colorado End-of-Life Act provides the option for terminally ill individuals, over the age of 18, with a prognosis of 6 months or less, who have the mental capacity to make an informed decision, is a resident of Colorado, and has satisfied other requirements, to request and obtain a prescription for medical aid in dying medication to end his or her own life.

Physicians and other healthcare providers at [Organization Name] will not perform the duties of an attending physician, consulting physician, a licensed mental health provider, prescribe the medications under the Colorado End-of-Life Options Act, fill the medications under the Colorado End-of-Life Options Act, be present when the qualified individual self-administers the medication, or participate in patient support in relation to the Colorado End-of-Life Options Act.

## Patient Requests

If a patient requests medical aid in dying services or medication, physicians or other healthcare providers at [Organization Name] will provide the patient with resources and contact information for another organization which provides these services. The physician or other healthcare provider at [Organization Name] will coordinate the transfer of the patient's relevant medical records to the new healthcare provider.

## Sanctions

Any workforce members or healthcare providers at [Organization Name] who do not abide by this policy will be disciplined in accordance with [Organization Name's] Disciplinary Policy.