



Frequently asked questions about Community Hospice's participation in the End of Life Option Act

Community Hospice's mission is to provide compassionate and quality care, education and support to patients and their families, regardless of ability to pay. Our vision is to affirm the cycle of life by enhancing the quality of living for individuals and their families.

Can a patient continue to receive hospice care and services from Community Hospice if they choose to exercise their rights under the End of Life Option Act?

Yes, a patient can still continue to receive hospice care and services. Community Hospice respects a patient's right to choose to exercise their rights under the End of Life Option Act while concurrently receiving hospice care.

How will Community Hospice respond to a patients request to learn more about the End of Life Option Act?

Community Hospice will provide education and resources, upon request by the patient on the End of Life Option Act, as well as education on Community Hospice care and services. At the patient's request, Community Hospice can make a referral to a participating physician.

Will Community Hospice prescribe an aid-in-dying drug (pursuant to the End of Life Option Act) for the purpose of ending a patient's life?

Community Hospice stands by its philosophy that we value life, not to act in any manner to hasten the dying process. Community Hospice may not prescribe an aid-in-dying drug as it can only be prescribed by a participating physician under the provisions of the End of Life Option Act. At the patient's request Community Hospice can make a referral to a participating physician.

Can a Community Hospice employee be present to provide support at the time a patient chooses to administer the aid-in-dying drug?

Community Hospice employees may be available upon request to provide family/caregiver support. Employees, while acting in their scope of service for Community Hospice, may not be present with the patient during the time a patient self-administers an aid-in-dying drug.

Will Community Hospice allow aid-in-dying drugs at the Community Hospice Alexander Cohen Hospice House?

We provide all medications for our patients prescribed by our hospice physicians for symptom management and comfort. Aid-in-dying drugs under the provisions of the End of Life Option Act are not allowed at the Community Hospice Alexander Cohen Hospice House.

Will Community Hospice pay for or help cover the cost of the aid-in-dying drug for a patient that is on Community Hospice services?

It is the responsibility of the patient or the patient's family to cover all costs incurred in requesting and obtaining the aid-in-dying drug under the provisions of the End of Life Option Act.

If a patient chooses to end their life under the provisions of the End of Life Option Act, will Community Hospice provide bereavement support to family members and caregivers?

Yes. Community Hospice offers bereavement services to anyone in the community that has experienced a loss, regardless of how it occurs. We believe no one should walk their journey alone. We offer assistance through individual/family grief support, grief support groups, educational workshops, mailings and other resources.

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