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Non-Participation in Medical Aid in Dying (MAID)

SCOPE:

X	Deaconess Illinois Medical Center
X	Deaconess Illinois Crossroads
X	Red Bud Regional Hospital
X	Deaconess Illinois Union County Hospital
X	Deaconess Illinois Specialty Clinics
X	Deaconess Illinois Clinics
X	Deaconess Illinois Transcare
X	OI Venture 1, LLC

This policy applies to:

- All Deaconess Illinois hospital campuses, outpatient departments, clinics, and affiliated sites ("Deaconess Illinois Facilities").
- All employees, medical staff, allied health professionals, employed physicians, contracted physicians, students, volunteers, and contractors (Deaconess Illinois Health Care Professionals").
- All care delivered to adult Illinois residents who may inquire about or qualify for MAID under the Act.

PURPOSE:

This policy establishes the expectations, responsibilities, and procedures for all hospital staff, contractors, and credentialed providers in a Deaconess Illinois Facility. Deaconess Illinois declines to participate in Medical Aid in Dying (MAID) as permitted under the Illinois End-of-Life Options for Terminally Ill Patients Act (SB 1950).

The policy ensures compliance with statutory obligations while honoring the organization's ethical commitments, mission, and care standards, and ensuring compassionate care for patients with respect for patient's rights.

POLICY:

Deaconess Illinois has elected to exercise its right under Illinois law to opt out of participating in the End-of-Life Options for Terminally Ill Patients Act. Under the Act, no health care provider or health care entity is required to participate in MAID.

Consequently, Deaconess Illinois prohibits its employees, independent contractors, and credentialed medical staff from practicing MAID while on or in a Deaconess Illinois Facility or acting within the scope of their employment or contractual relationship with Deaconess Illinois.

Deaconess Illinois will continue to provide comprehensive palliative care, pain management, hospice coordination, psychosocial support, and spiritual care as medically indicated.

PROHIBITED ACTIONS

No Deaconess Illinois Health Care Professional covered by this policy shall engage in the following activities while on a Deaconess Illinois Facility or acting within the scope of their employment or contractual relationship with Deaconess Illinois:

Prescribing: Writing a prescription for an aid-in dying medication

Dispensing: Preparing, compounding, or dispensing an aid-in-dying medication

Administering Assistance: Being present at the time a patient self-administers the medication for the purpose of assisting/facilitating the ingestion of the aid-in-dying medication.

Documentation: Signing state-mandated MAID compliance forms or attestation documents as an attending or consulting physician on behalf of the health system.

PERMITTED ACTIONS

To ensure Deaconess Illinois complies with Illinois healthcare standards and continues to provide compassionate care, Deaconess Illinois staff will ensure the required actions are performed as applicable:

A. Information Provision: Providers may discuss MAID when a patient asks, including:

1. Explaining the legal criteria.

2. Explaining Deaconess Illinois' non-participation.
 3. Providing information about alternative care options (palliative care, hospice). Physicians are obligated to inform patients of all alternative care options.
- B. Medical Records Transfer: If a patient requests MAID, the Facility and/or Health Care Professional must:
1. Promptly transfer medical records to the patient's chosen participating provider.
 2. Not obstruct or delay access to records. This is a statutory obligation for non-participating entities.
- C. Continuity of Care: If medically indicated, the Facility and/or Health Care Professional must continue providing:
1. Palliative care
 2. Pain management
 3. Hospice referrals
 4. Psychosocial, spiritual, and emotional support.

REQUIRED NOTICE TO PATIENTS AND STAFF

- A. Public Notice: The hospital must provide clear notice of the Deaconess Illinois decision to opt-out of the Illinois End-of-Life Options for Terminally Ill Patients Act (SB 1950). Deaconess Illinois will provide this information in the following ways:
1. Via a link on the hospital website
 2. Copies of the notice will be available in print for distribution upon patient inquiry. Staff can make copies in advance or access the website link or internal web to print on demand.
 3. Upon patient inquiry about MAID in the inpatient settings, staff will access the website link or internal web to print document for the patient.
 4. Upon patient inquiry about MAID in the outpatient settings, staff will access the website link or internal web to print document for the patient.
- B. Staff Notice: All employees and medical staff must receive clear notice of this policy:
1. Upon hire, contracting with, or privileging, and
 2. Annually thereafter

PROCEDURE WHEN A PATIENT REQUESTS MAID

1. Acknowledge the request respectfully. Affirm the patient's autonomy, provide emotional support, and avoid expressing personal judgment.
2. Inform the patient of non-participation. Clearly state that the hospital does not participate in MAID under the Act and explain what this means operationally.
3. Provide required information. Share general information about MAID, alternative care options,

and the patient's right to pursue MAID externally.

4. Initiate medical record transfer. Upon patient request, promptly send records to the designated participating provider without delay or obstruction.
5. Continue supportive care. Maintain palliative, hospice, psychosocial, and spiritual care services without interruption or abandonment.

PROVIDER CONDUCT STANDARDS

Providers may not discourage MAID through coercion or undue influence; the Act criminalizes such behavior.

·Providers may not impede a patient's lawful pursuit of MAID outside a Deaconess Illinois Facility.

·Providers may not participate in MAID while on Deaconess Illinois property or acting within the scope of their employment or contractual relationship with Deaconess Illinois.

DOCUMENTATION

Staff should document any MAID-related interactions in the medical record including:

- A. Patient inquiry
- B. Information provided to inform of Deaconess Illinois' decision to opt-out
- C. Medical Record transfer request
- D. Continued care plan

Approval Signatures

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Applicability

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