Deaconess Illinois

Non-Participation in Medical Aid in Dying (MAID)

Effective September 12, 2026, under Illinois law, health care providers and organizations may choose whether to participate in Medical Aid in Dying (MAID).

At this time, Deaconess Illinois declines to participate in Medical Aid in Dying as permitted under the Illinois End-of-Life Options for Terminally Ill Patients Act.

Deaconess Illinois physicians and care team members do not prescribe, prepare, dispense, or assist with medications intended for medical aid in dying as part of care provided through Deaconess Illinois.

If a patient requests MAID, the facility or health care profession will:

- Promptly transfer medical records to the patient's chosen participating provider
- Not obstruct or delay access to records.

Choosing not to participate in MAID does not mean you will be without care or support.

Deaconess Illinois will continue to provide medically appropriate care, including:

- Palliative care to manage symptoms and support quality of life
- Pain and symptom management
- Hospice referrals and coordination
- Emotional and psychosocial support
- Spiritual care
- Ongoing support for you and your loved ones

If you have questions about your care or available services, please speak with your physician or another member of your care team.