

# THE COLORADO END-OF-LIFE OPTIONS ACT

Law in effect on December 16, 2016

## ABOUT THE ACT

The Colorado End-of-Life Options Act, also known as Proposition 106, allows a terminally ill adult resident of Colorado with a prognosis of six months or less with mental capacity to request and obtain a prescription for medical aid in dying medication to end his or her life.

## THE DENVER HOSPICE RESPONSE

- We believe that hospice care provides the best option for care at the end of life and will continue to support you through the process by providing care, comfort and compassion.
- We will not abandon nor discharge patients and families considering or who choose to pursue medical aid in dying.
- Our physicians will not prescribe medical aid in dying medication nor serve as the consulting physician.
- The medical aid in dying medication will not be paid for or dispensed by The Denver Hospice and is not covered as part of the hospice benefit.
- Staff and volunteers will not assist in administration of medical aid in dying medication
- Medical aid in dying medication is not allowed to be ingested on the premises of our Inpatient Care Center.
- Patients requesting further information or who are seriously considering making a request need to begin the process by speaking to their attending physician.

## QUESTIONS?

If you want specific guidance to find a physician, receive a free consultation or learn more about medical aid in dying, please call Compassion & Choices at (800) 247-7421 or visit [www.compassionandchoices.org](http://www.compassionandchoices.org).

If you have questions about The Denver Hospice policies and procedures, please contact your nurse and/or social worker.

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