

Right to Die (End of Life Option Act)

Operational Manual – Resident Rights

Purpose	
To recognize the rights of qualified residents to make informed decisions regarding end of life treatment options and facilitate transfer to a participating provider.	
Policy	
The Facility has elected to opt out of participation in the End of Life Option Act.	
Procedure	
<ol style="list-style-type: none">I. The Facility will provide employees, applicable independent contractors and affiliated healthcare providers with RR – 27 – Form A – Notice of Prohibition to notify these individuals that the Facility has opted out of participation in the End of Life Option Act (EOLOA) upon hire or the date that the independent contractor/affiliated healthcare provider first provides services to patient of the Company.<ol style="list-style-type: none">A. The Company will post this policy on its website to satisfy the requirement to provide annual notice of participation in EOLOA to it employees, applicable independent contractors and affiliated healthcare providers.II. During admission, nursing staff will inquire whether the resident has initiated the process for obtaining an “aid-in-dying drug”.<ol style="list-style-type: none">A. “Aid-in-dying drug” means a drug determined and prescribed by a physician for a qualified individual, which the qualified individual may choose to self-administer to bring about his or her death due to a terminal disease.B. If the resident has initiated a request under EOLOA, nursing staff will refer the resident to the Director of Nursing or Administrator.C. The Director of Nursing or Administrator will notify the resident that the Facility has opted out of participation in EOLOA and will assist the resident with finding alternative placement if he/she wishes to proceed with the EOLOA process.D. Under no circumstances may a resident keep the aid-in-dying drug at the Facility.III. If after the time of admission, a resident requests to exercise his/her right under EOLOA, follow steps II. B. and II. C. above.IV. The Facility will document notification to the resident of the Facility’s non-participation in EOLOA and attempts to facilitate a transfer to accommodate the resident’s treatment preferences.V. Upon transfer, the documentation of the resident’s request for the aid-in-dying drug will be provided to the resident and receiving healthcare provider.	
References	
Sources: CAL. HEALTH & SAFETY CODE §§ 443.	
Forms: RR – 27 – Form A – Notice of Prohibition	
Employee(s): Administrator, Medical Director, Attending Physicians, Nursing Staff, Director of Social Services	
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