

End-of-Life Options for Terminally Ill Patients

This document serves as a resource for providers to aid in compliance with the End-of-Life Options for Terminally Ill Patients act. The Act which went into effect on September 12, 2026, allows for patients to request medical aid in dying when they have a terminal condition and are competent to do so. Development of this document does not reflect LeadingAge Illinois' support or opposition to the Act.

You can find the Act in its entirety [here](#).

If you **opt-in** here are resources:

- IDPH Memorandum for [Preliminary Guidance on Medical Aid in Dying](#)
- [Written Request Form](#)
- [Interpreter Attachment](#)
- [Attending Physician Follow-Up](#)

If you **opt out**, you must:

Provide Notice to Staff:

- A prohibiting entity must provide advance notice, in writing, to health care professionals and staff at the time of hiring, contracting with, or privileging and on a yearly basis thereafter, that health care professionals, staff, employees and independent contractors are prohibited from practicing aid-in-dying while performing duties for the entity.

Provide a Notice to Patient Requesting Aid in Dying:

- Inform the individual of the professional's or entity's inability or unwillingness.
- Refer the individual either to a health care professional who is able and willing to evaluate and qualify the individual or to another individual or entity to assist in the requesting individual in seeking aid in dying.
- Document in the medical record, the individual's date of request and health care professional's notice to the individual of the health care professional's unwillingness or inability to carry out the individual's request.

An entity cannot prohibit a health care professional from:

- Providing information to a patient regarding the patient's health status, including but not limited to, diagnosis, prognosis, recommended treatment and treatment alternatives, and the risks and benefits of each.
- Providing information regarding health care services available pursuant to the Act, information about relevant community resources and how to access those resources for obtaining care of the patient's choice.
- Practicing aid-in-dying care outside the scope of their employment or contract with the prohibiting entity and off the premises of the prohibiting entity.
- Being present, if outside the scope of the health care professional's employment or contractual duties, when a qualified patient self-administers medication prescribed pursuant to the Act or at the time of death, if requested by the qualified patient or their representative.