VanDuyn
CENTER FOR REHABILITATION & NURSING
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MEDICAL AID IN DYING

Information for Residents and Families

What is Medical Aid in Dying?

Beginning **August 5, 2026**, New York law allows certain adults with a terminal illness to request medication that they may choose to take themselves to end their life.

A person must meet all requirements of the law. The decision must be made voluntarily by the person and cannot be made for them by a family member, health care proxy, power of attorney, or other representative.

Our Facility's Position

Our facility is committed to providing compassionate care, comfort, dignity, and support throughout every stage of life.

Because of our sincerely held religious beliefs and moral convictions, **our facility will not participate in Medical Aid in Dying.**

This means Medical Aid in Dying medication may not be:

- Prescribed or ordered at this facility.
- Dispensed or prepared by facility staff.
- Stored in the facility's medication system.
- Given or assisted with by facility staff; or
- Taken by a resident while residing in the facility.

Your Rights Will Be Respected

Residents have the right to ask questions or express their wishes without fear of punishment, retaliation, or a reduction in care.

A resident will not be treated differently because they ask about Medical Aid in Dying.

Our staff will listen respectfully, protect the residents' privacy, and make sure the residents' concerns and symptoms are addressed.

Transfer to Another Facility

A resident who wishes to pursue Medical Aid in Dying may request a transfer.

The facility will:

- Respect the resident's request.
- Promptly assist in locating a reasonably accessible facility that is willing to participate.
- Send necessary medical records with proper permission.
- Coordinate a safe transfer.
- Continue providing all necessary care until the transfer is completed; and
- Keep the resident and their chosen representative informed.

A resident will not be abandoned or required to leave without appropriate transfer arrangements.

Care That Will Continue to Be Available

This policy does **not** limit a resident's right to receive:

- Hospice care.
- Palliative and comfort-focused care.
- Pain and symptom management.
- Emotional, social, and spiritual support.
- Advance care planning.
- MOLST and Do-Not-Resuscitate orders.
- The right to accept or refuse treatment; or
- Support for the resident's family and loved ones.

Our goal is to provide comfort, dignity, respect, and compassionate care.

Questions or Concerns

Residents may speak with:

Administrator: _____315-449-6068_____

Director of Nursing: _____315-449-6055_____

Director of Social Services: _____315-449-6126_____

Resident Council President: _____315-449-6000_____

Long-Term Care Ombudsman: ____315-671-2984_____

Asking questions or making a complaint will not affect the care or services a resident receives.