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Preamble

The Grey Bruce Hospice Inc. (GBH) is committed to ensuring our community receive quality and respectful palliative care, including the option of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD).

Policy Statement

This policy will serve as a guide to address patient requests for medical assistance in dying. The law does not compel an individual (physician or staff person) to provide or assist in providing medical assistance in dying. A Health Care Provider can decline to provide or assist with medical assistance in dying for reasons of conscience or religion; however, said Health Care Providers must do so in a manner that respects patient dignity.

133.01 Definitions

Competence -Competence is determined in accordance with decision-making capacity under the auspices of the Health Care Consent Act, (1996) -Consent to Treatment Policy.

Adult - Is a person at least 18 years of age and capable of making decisions with respect to their health.

Grievous and Irremediable -A person has a grievous and irremediable medical condition if: a) They have a serious and incurable illness, disease or disability; b) They are in an advance state of irreversible decline in capability; c) That illness, disease or disability or that state of decline causes them enduring physical or psychological suffering that is intolerable to them and that cannot be relieved under conditions that they consider acceptable; and d) Disqualification: persons whose sole underlying medical condition is a mental illness are not eligible for medical assistance in dying.

133.02 Qualifications for MAiD

1. In accordance with Bill C-14, Medical Aid in Dying and Bill C-7, Chapter 2, An Act to Amend the Criminal Code, for an individual to access medical assistance in dying must:
 - a. Be eligible for health services funded by a government in Canada;
 - b. Be at least 18 years of age and capable of making decisions with respect to their health;
 - c. Have made a voluntary request for medical assistance in dying that, in particular, was not made as a result of external pressure;
 - d. Have given informed consent to receive medical assistance in dying; and
 - e. Persons whose sole underlying medical condition is a mental illness are not eligible for medical assistance in dying.
2. GBH shall have additional requirements for MAiD including:
 - a. GBH will not accept an admission for the sole purpose of having MAiD;

- b. GBH will only accept MAiD specific residents who would already otherwise meet admission criteria, and therefore are part of the organization’s mandated patient care.
 - c. A Health Care Provider must agree to complete the procedure as GBH personnel will not be responsible for provision of MAiD.
3. GBH may also request other specific medical assessments or procedures be completed prior to admission to Chapman House (e.g. central line).

133.03 GBH Staff Participation in MAiD Procedures

1. The staff will not be involved in the actual MAiD procedure.
2. The care for the resident and family will occur up to and directly after the procedure.
3. The staff may choose to be in the room with the family or not.

133.04 Review Cycle

This policy will be reviewed at least every three years or as legislation changes.

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