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**Preamble:**

As a Faith-based Personal Care Home guided by the compassion of Jesus Christ, Meadowood Manor is committed to upholding the spiritual dignity of life, including life in one’s final days. Meadowood Manor abstains from allowing procedures that facilitate the MAID process to be administered. Requests for the provision of Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) will require transfer to another care facility. Meadowood Manor PCH endeavors to provide an end of life care program that supports those who are dying and their families in ways that promote dignity, compassion and caring.

**Definitions:**

**Abstaining Facility Operator:**

The operator of a faith-based facility that is funded, but not owned or operated, by the WRHA, that provides publically funded health services to Individuals in a manner which is consistent with the fundamental religious principles of the religion or faith to which it adheres, and which adopts and publishes an official policy or position that will not allow MAID, or certain aspects of processes associated with MAID to be provided within its facility.

**MAID or Medical Assistance in Dying:**

The administering by a Medical Practitioner or Nurse Practitioner of a substance to an Individual, at the individual’s request, that causes death; or the prescribing or providing by a Medical Practitioner or Nurse Practitioner of a substance to an Individual, at the Individual’s request, so that they may self-administer the substance and in doing so cause their own death. For greater certainty, MAID does not include processes that may or may not culminate in MAID.

**Conscientious Objector:**

Any Staff who refuses to provide or participate in providing MAID because such an action would violate a personal, deeply held moral or ethical value.

**Policy:**

As a faith-based facility, Meadowood Manor Personal Care Home considers itself an abstaining facility operator and will not allow MAID to occur on its premises.

## **1. Access to Information:**

As an abstaining facility, Meadowood Manor PCH will ensure timely and accurate access to requests for MAID and/or information regarding MAID to a resident. At a minimum, the individual will be provided with the contact information for the MAID team and/or Health Links-Info Santé as outlined in the WRHA MAID Policy 110.000.400 within 24 hour of inquiry or request.

Staff, including Conscientious Objectors is required to disclose and provide personal health information about an Individual in accordance with The Personal Health Information Act, as well as access to the Individual's health record, to the MAID Team when requested by the Individual or the MAID team.

## **2. Transfer of Care:**

If an individual residing at Meadowood Manor PCH indicates to staff their intention to pursue MAID please refer to the WRHA MAID Transfer Protocol for detailed instructions.

Individuals may not be able to access MAID if the Individual is too ill or frail to be transferred to another WRHA Facility that permits MAID, or if the Individual declines to be transferred from an Abstaining Facility Operator to another WRHA Facility that permits MAID.

Please see the attached WRHA Policy - Medical Assistance in Dying (110.000.400) for more detailed information and instruction.