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PURPOSE

To describe the position of Good Samaritan Hospital regarding allowing participation of its employees, independent contractors, or other persons or entities in activities under the California End of Life Option Act (the “Act”), and to provide guidance in caring for patient(s) who express interest in ending their life under the Act by requesting an aid-in-dying drug (as defined pursuant to the Act).

DEFINITIONS

- A. “Aid-in-dying drug” means a drug determined and prescribed by a physician for a qualified individual (as defined in the Act), which the qualified individual may choose to self-administer to bring about his or her death to a terminal disease.
- B. “Attending physician” means the physician who has primary responsibility for the health care of an individual and treatment of the individual’s terminal disease.

POLICY

Good Samaritan Hospital has determined that the requirements of the Act make it more conducive to a setting or environment other than an acute care hospital. Good Samaritan Hospital will not participate or assist in participation with activities pursuant to the Act. Good Samaritan Hospital employees, independent contractors, physicians and volunteers may not knowingly participate in or facilitate activities under the Act, except as provided herein, while: “(1) on premises owned or under the management and direct control of Good Samaritan Hospital (including but not limited to Hospital grounds and Hospital operated facilities, clinics, pharmacies, etc.) or (2) while acting within the scope of any employment by, or contract with, Good Samaritan Hospital.

PROCEDURE

- A. Patients, families, nurses, physicians and other providers are encouraged to explore fully and discuss care and treatment options for terminally ill patients. As part of that discussion, requests for physician-assisted death or self-administered life-ending medication may occur. We respect the rights of patients and their care team to discuss and explore all treatment options; however, Good Samaritan Hospital, its facilities, programs and caregivers do not allow participation in the activities under the Act, which include, without limitation, delivering a prescription for, dispensing, or delivering the dispensed aid-in-dying drug. Any member of a patient care team may respond to questions from a patient and family, but any request for an aid-in-dying drug must be referred to an “attending physician,” as defined in the Act.
- B. Good Samaritan Hospital physicians, employees, contractors, and volunteers may not knowingly participate in or facilitate activities under the Act and may not provide, deliver, administer, or assist with the administration of any aid-in-dying drug, or be present when a patient ingests an aid-in-dying drug on premises

owned or under the management and direct control of Good Samaritan Hospital (including but not limited to Hospital grounds and Hospital operated facilities, clinics, pharmacies, etc.

- C. When a patient expresses intent to pursue physician-assisted death;
 - 1. Handout – End of Life Option Act, Talking Points from CHA 2016 will be provided to the patient for follow up after discharge from facility.
 - 2. The patient will be informed that Good Samaritan Hospital will not participate in the activities under the Act and its physicians, employees, contractors, and volunteers will not provide, deliver, administer or assist the patient with the aid-in-dying drug.
 - 3. Good Samaritan Hospital caregivers will still provide all other requested end-of-life, hospice, palliative care and other services to patients and families.
- D. Consistent with this policy, Good Samaritan Hospital will continue to provide appropriate care to patients who qualify for and request end-of-life services, regardless of their stated interest in seeking an aid-in-dying drug.

REFERENCES

- A. AB15 – End of Life Option Act, Health & Safety Code Section 443 et seq.