

Medical Assistance in Dying Update, June 9, 2016

The proposed legislation, Bill C-14, to amend the Criminal Code to allow medical assistance in dying (MAiD) was not finalized by June 6th, 2016 as anticipated. Therefore, consistent with the Carter Decision, physician assisted death is now legal in Canada. However, in the absence of legislation, the role of other health care providers, including LPNs, in relation to MAiD, is unclear.

Without legislation, the College of Licensed Practical Nurses of Newfoundland and Labrador (CLPNNL) recommends that LPNs do not participate in the physician assisted death process in any way.

For example, it is recommended that you do not:

- Sign for medication for MAiD from pharmacy or transport these medications to the unit;
- Provide MAiD medication to the physician;
- Administer MAiD medications; or
- Provide care to the client during the MAiD process.

We will provide additional information as it becomes available.

In the meantime, please contact us if you have questions at:

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