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SCOPE

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Provide care consistent with the mission and values of PeaceHealth, in recognition of the intrinsic worth and inherent dignity of those for whom we provide care.
- Ensure our Patients are able to provide guidance to their loved ones, physicians, and Caregivers, regarding their wishes for healthcare treatments in the future, should they be unable to make these decisions for themselves.
- Ensure the implementation of the Federal Patient Self-Determination Act (PSDA) of 1991, affirming a competent Patient's right to make decisions about their healthcare, to accept or refuse medical treatment, and to complete an advance healthcare directive.
- Offer education and assistance to Patients and the public in the documentation of their preferences for medical treatment; including their right to accept or refuse treatment; and
- Ensure PeaceHealth is in compliance with state laws and regulatory body standards regarding formulation, documentation, and implementation of advance directives.

POLICY

It is the policy of PeaceHealth, that in keeping with our mission and values, PeaceHealth supports Patients and their surrogates right to participate in healthcare decision making and

advance care planning. PeaceHealth offers assistance in formulating and documenting advance directives per Patient's wishes and ensures those wishes and directives are followed in accordance with standard medical practice and state and federal law.

- In the event a Caregiver is unable to comply with a Patient's advance directives for legal, religious or cultural reasons, they must inform the Patient (or surrogate) and arrange for transfer of care as per federal and state law.
- Formulation of advance directives is entirely voluntary, and a Patient may change or revoke an advance directive at any time, verbally or in writing. All PeaceHealth medical centers and clinics have procedures for the implementation of this Policy within their facilities.
- Note: Washington state law requires Advanced Directives to be witnessed by two people, an acknowledgment by a notary public or another individual authorized by law to take acknowledgements.
- In the event a Patient has not completed advance directives naming a healthcare representative; state law designating the order of legal decision-makers will be followed.
- In the event the Patient has completed an Advanced Directive but does not have it with them, there is a process for follow up reflected in the Procedure.

DEFINITIONS

Advance Directives: A voluntary formal document written in advance which provides direction to the health care team when an adult Patient loses decisional capacity. Living Wills, Directives to Physicians, Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare, are all forms of advance directives.

Caregiver: An employee of PeaceHealth.

Directive to Physicians: A Living Will used in the State of Washington (and other states).

Healthcare Representative: A person appointed by the patient in a Durable Power of Attorney document to make decisions for the patient when they lose decisional capacity.

Patient: Both the Patient and/or the Patient's legal personal representative.

Surrogate Decision-Maker: A patient's legal decision-maker according to the laws of the State where the patient is receiving medical care. Generally, the order is as follows:

- Legal Guardian appointed by the Courts
- Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care
- Legal Spouse
- Adult children over the age of 18

- Parents
- Adult siblings over the age of 18
- Please see your state laws for specifics, i.e. majority vs. unanimous consent within groups where there is more than one member, etc.

HELP

Further information may be obtained by contacting the local Mission, Ethics, or Spiritual Care Departments.

RELATED MATERIAL

Advance Directives for Patient Access in CareConnect (Procedure No. 900.1.371)

Laws & Regulations:

- Patient Self-Determination Act of 1991
- RCW 70.122 Natural Death Act
- RCW 70.122.030 Directive to Withhold or Withdraw Life Sustaining Treatment
- RCW 11.94 Power of Attorney
- ORS 127
- Alaska:
 - AS 13.52.010 et seq.
 - AS 12.65.007
 - 7 ACC 16.010
- 42 U.S.C. §300a-7 (d)

APPROVALS

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to provide the requirements for appropriate support of dying persons and families while respecting PeaceHealth's position as set forth in its policy.

POLICY

PeaceHealth does not participate in physician assisted suicide (aka Death with Dignity). Patients admitted to our facilities or enrolled in our hospice programs receive high quality, compassionate pain and symptom management which is intended to provide relief of disease/illness burden, but not intend death. PeaceHealth respects a patient's right to receive information about physician assisted suicide and directs patients to available state resources if a patient has questions about physician assisted suicide. If a patient desires to pursue physician assisted suicide, our caregivers, volunteers, providers, facilities and hospice programs do not interfere with the patient's choice.

PeaceHealth does not discharge patients from its facilities or hospice programs when a patient chooses to pursue physician assisted suicide. Patients who choose to pursue physician assisted suicide while enrolled in a PeaceHealth hospice program are asked to make arrangements in a manner that does not involve our caregivers, volunteers or providers directly, but allows our caregivers, volunteers and providers to continue providing high quality, compassionate pain and symptom management without implicating them in the provision of physician assisted suicide in any way.

DEFINITIONS

Physician Assisted Suicide: Defined under Oregon and Washington State laws, and adopted for all PeaceHealth regions, facilities and programs, as when a terminally ill, informed adult voluntarily chooses to obtain a physician prescription for drugs to end his or her life and self-administers the drugs, thereby hastening his or her death following confirmation of a prognosis of dying in less than six (6) months. Prior to receiving this prescription, a patient must have a second physician's opinion regarding their terminal diagnosis, make an oral and a written request, and reiterate the oral request to his or her attending physician no less than fifteen (15) days after making the initial oral request. The patient must also have counseling if either physician believes the patient has a mental disorder, or impaired judgment from depression, and be cleared of these by the person providing the counseling. Patients also have the choice whether to notify next of kin or not. Health care providers are immune from civil and criminal liability for good faith compliance.

HELP

Further information may be obtained by contacting Mission Services.

RELATED MATERIAL

Reference Material:

- Oregon Health Authority, <https://www.oregon.gov/oha/Pages/index.aspx> Enter "Death with Dignity" into search field., 02-28-19.
- Washington State Department of Health, <https://www.doh.wa.gov/>, Enter "Death with Dignity" into search field. 02-28-19
- Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services (ERDs), 6th Edition, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

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