

CA Notice Nonparticipation aid in dying and medical cannabis

Non-Participation in Activities under the California End-of-Life Options Act (Interdisciplinary Policy # 249)

Patient notice of non-participation under the California (SB-380 End of Life Option Act) end-of-life options act

California law recognizes certain rights and responsibilities of qualified individuals and health care providers under the California End-of-Life Options Act (the Act). The Act authorizes medical aid in dying and allows a terminally ill adult to end his or her life under certain conditions.

Under the Act, a health care provider, including this hospital is not required to assist a qualified patient in ending that patient's life. The hospital, through its Governing Body, has adopted the policy to reflect the hospital's choice not to participate under the Act. If you wish to request Medical Aid-In-Dying Medications under the Act, you may transfer your care to another health care provider. The hospital will, upon request, transfer your medical records to the new health care provider.

Medical Cannabis and Cannabidiol (Pharmacy Policy #501)

Notice to Patients on the Use of Medical Cannabis

A number of states have passed laws legalizing or de-criminalizing the use of cannabis (marijuana) for medical conditions and/or recreational. The growing, possession, or use of marijuana, however, remains an offense under the Controlled Substances Act, a federal law. State law to the contrary offers no immunity against federal prosecution.

Our hospital is obligated to comply with all federal laws and regulations because of federal funding of various programs such as Medicare and Medicaid. In order to remain in compliance, with federal law, our hospital cannot permit the possession or use of marijuana on our premises. This prohibition applies even to those patients registered as a medical marijuana user.

If we discover that you are in possession of cannabis either at admission or at any other time during your stay at our hospital, then we will require that the cannabis be removed from our premises.