



### Hospital End of Life Services

In accordance with SB 5179 (Laws of 2023), the purpose of this form is to provide the public with information about which end-of-life services are and are not generally available at each hospital. **Please contact the hospital directly if you have questions.**

Hospital name: **WhidbeyHealth Medical Center**

Physical address: **101 North Main Street**

City: **Coupeville**

State: **WA**

ZIP Code: **98239**

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**An acute care hospital may not be the appropriate setting for all end-of-life services listed below.**

Some end-of-life services are most appropriately available through hospice care centers, hospice agency services, or outpatient settings, depending on the specific patient circumstances.

The following checked end-of-life services are generally available at the above listed hospital:

#### Advance Care Planning

- Has written policies & procedures on advance care planning and advance directives.
- Offers information & support for advance care planning including written information on the patient's right to make decisions concerning medical care, the right to accept or refuse medical or surgical treatment, the right to formulate advance directives, & the hospital's policies respecting the implementation of such rights.
- Asks patients about advance care planning and documents whether or not a patient has an advance directive.
- Assists patients with advance care planning.

#### End-of-Life and Palliative Care Services

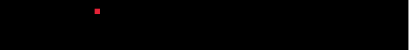
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides end-of-life education to patients</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides an evaluation of treatment options</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides hospice care</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides palliative care</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides spiritual care</li><li><input type="checkbox"/> Provides ethics consultation services to providers and patients</li></ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides referrals and resources on community resources &amp; education on palliative care.</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Provides consultation about pain &amp; symptom management.</li><li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Process to review and honor Portable Order for Life-Sustaining Treatment forms.</li></ul> |
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#### Washington State Death with Dignity (DWD) Act

\*Pursuant to the DWD Act, RCW 70.245.190, individual providers and facilities may choose whether or not to participate in the DWD Act. "Participate" means to perform the duties of the attending qualified medical provider, the consulting qualified medical provider, or the counseling function under the DWD Act.

- Allows providers to participate in the Death with Dignity Act at the hospital\*  
Regardless of whether or not a hospital participates in the DWD Act, the hospital supports providers to:
  - Certify that a patient has a terminal disease and provide the patient information about the medical prognosis pursuant to documentation required under the DWD Act.
  - Give information about the DWD Act to a patient upon request, including information about what relevant resources are available and how to access them.
  - Document a patient's first written request for medication that the patient may self-administer to end their life in a humane and dignified manner in the patient's medical record per the DWD Act
  - Refer or transfer care of a patient to another attending or consulting qualified medical provider.
- Provides death with dignity educational materials
- Hospital pharmacies are permitted to dispense prescriptions in accordance with the purposes of the DWD Act.
- Permits patients to self-administer DWD medication at the hospital

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Signature: 

Signed by: **Curtis Shumate, BSN, RN, EDN**

Date: **11/27/2023**

**Comments; limitations on services; other services:**

**Physician Participation:**

The WhidbeyHealth Hospice Medical Director (Hospice MD) may also discuss RCW 70.245 with the patient and family. The Hospice MD will not prescribe the life-ending dose of medication but can perform the duties of the " Consulting Physician." These duties include a physical examination, written confirmation of diagnosis, prognosis, the ability to make an informed decision and voluntary decision making. This information is then provided to a physician, who per RCW 70.245.040 is considered or referred to as the " Attending Physician" for the purpose of obtaining the life ending medication prescription. The " Attending Physician" responsibilities are described in RCW 70.245.040.

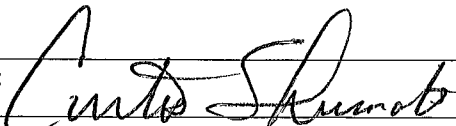
**Financial Considerations:**

WhidbeyHealth Hospice will not be responsible for any of the costs associated with the DWD process. This includes the visit with the DWD attending MD (prescriber) or the prescribed life ending medications.

**WhidbeyHealth Hospice Employee Participation:**

WhidbeyHealth Hospice does not and shall not require that any WhidbeyHealth Hospice employee caring for patients be present for patient self-administration of a life ending dose of medication. If the patient requests the presence of a WhidbeyHealth Hospice employee during self- administration of a life ending dose of medication under RCW 70.245, and the employee is willing to be present, then the employee may be present but only if a volunteer from End of Life Washington is also in attendance. The WhidbeyHealth Hospice employee, if present, will not participate in preparing or administering the life ending medication.

Signature:



Signed by: Curtis Shumate, BSN, RN, EDN

Date: 11/27/2023

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