

Accessing medical assistance in dying in Manitoba

A person wishing to access medical assistance in dying must:

- Be eligible for health services funded by the provincial or federal government
- Be at least 18 years old and capable of making decisions about their health
- Have a serious and incurable illness, disease or disability
- Be in an advanced state of decline that cannot be reversed
- Be suffering unbearably from their illness, disease, disability or state of decline
- Be at a point where their natural death has become reasonably foreseeable taking into account all of their medical circumstances
- Have made a voluntary request and have provided informed consent for medical assistance in dying free of any outside pressure or influence

Before anyone is able to receive medical assistance in dying, they must be assessed to see if they are eligible. This process also ensures they are aware of all care options available and have the information needed to make an informed decision.

The process for accessing medical assistance in dying in Manitoba includes:

- Being assessed by a minimum of two (2) physicians. Both physicians must agree the patient meets eligibility criteria in order for the patient to be able to receive medical assistance in dying.
- Completing a written request for medical assistance in dying that has been signed by two witnesses. For patients unable to write, another adult may sign the request on the patient's behalf.
- There must be a minimum of ten (10) clear days between the date the request is signed and the date medical assistance in dying is provided. For example, if the request is signed on October 1st the earliest the patient could receive medical assistance in dying would be October 12th.
- At the time medical assistance in dying is provided, the patient must be competent and able to provide consent.
- The patient is free to change their mind at any time, including at the time medical assistance in dying is provided.

For more information about the process and requirements related to medical assistance in dying, please visit: www.wrha.mb.ca/maid

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