How Do I Access Medical Assistance In Dying Services in Alberta?
(after June 17, 2016)

1. I wish to learn more about the option of medical assistance in dying. How do I access medical assistance in dying services in Alberta?

Based on An Act to amend the Criminal Code and to make related amendments to other Acts (medical assistance in dying), the criteria for eligibility for medical assistance in dying include individuals who:

a) are eligible for health services funded by a federal, provincial or territorial government in Canada (existing waiting periods or minimum residency requirements do not apply);
b) are an adult at least 18 years of age and capable of making decisions with respect to their health;
c) have a grievous and irremediable medical condition;
d) have made a request for medical assistance in dying on the required form(s). This request must be voluntary;
e) have been informed of the treatments including palliative care, technologies, and supports available to relieve their suffering and;
f) have the capacity to provide informed consent for medical assistance in dying; and
g) give informed express written (signed) consent for the delivery of medical assistance in dying.

All of these criteria must be met.

2. Do I need a Court Order to seek medical assistance in dying after June 6th, 2016?

Individuals seeking medical assistance in dying in Alberta will no longer require a lawyer to submit an application to the court for medical assistance in dying. Instead, you will need to reach out to your physician for assistance with next steps. If you do not have a physician you see regularly for your care, you can call Health Link at 811 or the Medical Assistance in Dying Care Coordination Service at maid.careteam@ahs.ca.

3. What types of assessments will be required?

Assessments will be required to ensure that you have met the criteria for eligibility as identified by Bill C-14. We expect that the assessments will need to be provided by a physician licensed to practice in Alberta.

4. How do I find a physician willing to provide medical assistance in dying?

You are advised to talk with the physician you see regularly for your care about your desire for medical assistance in dying. If your physician does not provide medical assistance in dying, you can
contact Alberta Health Services Health Link (811) or the Medical Assistance in Dying Care Coordination Service at maid.careteam@ahs.ca.

5. **Do I need to update my Goals of Care Designation contained in my greensleeve?**

It is recommended that the Goals of Care Designation that you created with your physician be updated to reflect your wishes related to medical assistance in dying, resuscitation, and transport to a hospital in the event of complications related to medical assistance in dying.