

Letter for Your Physician

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Dear Dr. _____:

Medical aid in dying became available in Montana when the state Supreme Court ruled in 2009 that “[The] Rights of the Terminally Ill Act clearly provides that terminally ill patients are entitled to autonomous end-of-life decisions.” You may receive patient inquiries about this option and thus might wish to discuss it alongside other end-of-life options with your patients. Compassion & Choices, with 30 years of experience, is here to help you keep your practice safe, effective, patient-centered and legally compliant.

We stand ready to provide you the facts and a wide range of resources with which to guide your practice, including:

- » One-on-one consultations with physicians who have years of end-of-life and medical aid-in-dying experience through our free and confidential **Doc2Doc program at 800.247.7421**.
- » *Clinical Criteria for Physician Aid in Dying* and supplemental clinical information published in the Journal of Palliative Medicine (2015).
- » Information on our website:
 - ▶ CompassionAndChoices.org/montana – contains the Montana Physician Medical Aid-in-Dying Reference Guide and all the forms you will need to comply with the law.
 - ▶ CompassionAndChoices.org/eolc – features tips, toolkits and forms on end-of-life care and choice for individuals seeking information on the full range of end-of-life options, including a video for terminally ill patients wanting to learn more about medical aid in dying.
 - ▶ CompassionAndChoices.org/understand-the-issues – includes fact sheets on medical aid in dying.

If you have a patient requesting medical aid in dying, please contact our Doc2Doc line at 800.247.7421 so we can provide you with up-to-date information on medication protocols. These protocols are updated and reviewed regularly, and provided free of charge.

Along with the guidance of a team of local doctors, Compassion & Choices Montana is committed to providing stewardship of this option. The aggregate of more than 30 years of leadership in the medical aid-in-dying movement, we have established a record of authority, integrity and accessibility in this evolving field of medicine and law. Compassion & Choices is committed to providing clinical information in a way that helps in your practice, including through one-on-one consultations, presentations and videos that will help you meet your CME requirements.

Please feel free to contact us at any time with questions or concerns. We look forward to hearing from you.

With kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Grube'.

Dr. David Grube
National Medical Director, Compassion & Choices