

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF
YAKIMA VALLEY MEMORIAL HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
RESOLUTION
Regarding The Death with Dignity Act
February 20, 2009**

Recitals

1. WHEREAS, in furtherance of its mission to improve health, Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital Association ("Memorial") strives to provide quality health care services consistent with the values of the community it serves;
2. WHEREAS, in November, 2008, the residents of Washington State passed Initiative 1000: The Death with Dignity Act (the "Act");
3. WHEREAS, the Act permits "willing health care providers" to consult and prescribe life-ending medication to patients who are medically predicted to die within six months;
4. WHEREAS, the Act requires that qualified patients must self-administer any life-ending medication;
5. WHEREAS, the Act allows hospitals to chose whether they will offer the Act's services to patients;
6. WHEREAS, it has been determined that permitting the consultation and prescription of life-ending medication to patients qualified under the Act, pursuant to the judgment of individual physicians, is consistent with Memorial's mission and the values of the community it serves; and
7. WHEREAS, it has been determined that dispensing medication for the purpose of ending a patient's life and permitting patients to self-administer such medication on Memorial owned and controlled property is not consistent with Memorial's mission and the values of the community it serves.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. Pursuant to the professional judgment of individual physicians and consistent with the legal requirements of the Act, Memorial will allow the consultation and prescription of life-ending medication to qualified patients.
2. The prescription of life-ending medication is voluntary and neither physicians nor Memorial staff shall be required to participate in the offering of services provided under the Act;
3. Memorial shall not permit the dispensing of life-ending medications that have been prescribed under the Act at any Memorial owned and controlled facility, including but not limited to the following, which may be revised as appropriate by Memorial

administration: the Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital, 16th Avenue Station, Children's Village, Children's Village Sunnyside, Cornerstone Medical Clinic, Family Medicine of Yakima, Garden Village, Home Health and Hospice, North Star Lodge Cancer Center, Specialty Clinics in Ellensburg Clinic, North Star Sunnyside Clinic, Memorial Specialty Clinics in Ellensburg, 'Ohana Mammography Center, Pacific Crest Family Medicine, Sleep Center at Memorial, Valley Imaging, Yakima Gastroenterology Associates, Cascade Surgical Partners, Yakima Neurosurgery Associates, Yakima Plastic Surgery Associates, Surgi-Center at Memorial, and Water's Edge Pain Center.

4. Memorial shall not permit patients to self-administer any life-ending medications that have been prescribed under the Act at any Memorial owned and controlled facility, including but not limited to the following, which may be revised as appropriate by Memorial administration: the Yakima Valley Memorial Hospital, 16th Avenue Station, Children's Village, Children's Village Sunnyside, Cornerstone Medical Clinic, Family Medicine of Yakima, Garden Village, Home Health and Hospice, North Star Lodge Cancer Center, Memorial, Specialty Clinics in Ellensburg, 'Ohana Mammography Center, Pacific Crest Family Medicine, Sleep Center at Memorial, Valley Imaging, Yakima Gastroenterology Associates, Cascade Surgical Partners, Yakima Neurosurgery Associates, Yakima Plastic Surgery Associates, Surgi-Center at Memorial, and Water's Edge Pain Center.
5. The prohibitions against the dispensing of life-ending medications and the self-administration of such medications by patients set forth herein shall not apply at facilities owned, but not controlled, by Memorial (leased facilities).
6. The Board hereby authorizes and directs that any necessary changes be made to Memorial policies and procedures in order to comply with this Resolution and the requirements of the Act.

APPROVED AS OF _____.

Chair, Board of Trustees