

## **MODEL WEB PAGE STATEMENT – DO NOT ALLOW PARTICIPATION**

### **[HOSPITAL] WILL NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE DEATH WITH DIGNITY ACT**

The “Washington State Death with Dignity Act,” raises many questions for physicians, pharmacists, counselors, and hospitals statewide.

After careful, thoughtful conversations with our medical staff, board of trustees/commissioners, and patients, [HOSPITAL] has chosen to not participate under the ‘Washington State Death with Dignity Act.’ This means that [HOSPITAL] physicians, employees, independent contractors and volunteers shall not assist a patient in ending the patient’s life. In addition, no provider may participate on the premises of the hospital or in property owned by the hospital,” said [HOSPITAL ADMINISTRATOR].

Hospitals that do not allow participation are required to provide public notice and with this statement we are doing so. Providers may independently contract outside their role with [HOSPITAL] to participate in the Act, off hospital premises.

[HOSPITAL] strives to provides compassionate, high quality care to all our patients. Any patient wishing to receive life-ending medication while a patient at this hospital will be assisted in transfer to another facility of the patient’s choice. The transfer will assure continuity of care.

All providers at [HOSPITAL] will respond to any patient’s query about life-ending medication with openness and compassion. [HOSPITAL] believes our providers have an obligation to openly discuss the patient’s concerns, unmet needs, feelings, and desires about the dying process. Providers are encouraged to seek to learn the meaning behind the patient’s questions and help the patient understand the range of available options, including but not limited to comfort care, hospice care, and pain control. Ultimately, [HOSPITAL’S] goal is to help patients make informed decisions about end-of-life care.