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**Illinois Pharmacists Association  
House of Delegates**

**Friday – September 29, 2023**

**NEW BUSINESS**

(To be submitted and introduced by Delegates only)

**Deadline for Submission of New Business: Thursday, September 28, 2023**

Introduced by: Dianna M. Black

Date: 9/28/2023

Organization: Region 5 Delegate

Subject: Medical Aid In Dying (MAID)

Motion:

For IPhA to adopt a position of engaged neutrality regarding legislative efforts to authorize medical aid in dying and to affirm that a pharmacist's decision to participate or decline to participate in medical aid in dying for competent, terminally ill patients is one of individual conscience. Further, pharmacists have a right to participate or decline to participate in medical aid in dying without retribution\*. Should MAID become legal in Illinois, IPhA will educate its members about the law.

\*This language is consistent with ASHP position on MAID

Background:

Medical aid in dying has been legal in Oregon since 1995 and by 2016 one sixth of U.S. citizens lived in a jurisdiction in which medical aid in dying was available. In June of 2016, ASHP House of Delegates considered a resolution with regards to MAID and in September of 2016 a task force agreed that ASHP should maintain its stance of neutrality regarding pharmacist participation in MAID as well as the laws that permit it. There are now eleven jurisdictions in the U.S. where MAID is legal (OR, WA, MT, VT, CA, CO HI, NJ, ME, NM and Washington D.C.) and there are ongoing efforts in many states, including Illinois, to provide legal access to MAID. The Illinois State Medical Society in 2022 also declared a neutral stance on MAID with a resolution to support and educate its members should MAID become legal in Illinois.

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