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PURPOSE:

To establish a clear, uniform policy that Calvary does not participate in Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD) or Physician Assisted Suicide (PAS), in accordance with its Catholic religious and moral principles, as authorized under the New York Public Health Law Article 28-F, to require notice and acknowledgment of ArchCare’s non-participation position; and to define the required response when a patient or resident inquires about, requests, or seeks transfer in connection with MAiD/PAS.

ENTITIES AFFECTED:

All ArchCare-sponsored entities

SCOPE:

This policy applies to ArchCare entities (Calvary is an ArchCare entity) that qualify as “health care facilities” under New York Public Health Law Article 28-F, including general hospitals, nursing homes, residential health care facilities, and hospices, provided that, for purposes of PHL § 2899-m, “hospice” means only a facility providing inpatient hospice care or a hospice residence.

This policy also applies, to the extent permitted by PHL Article 28-F, to any affiliated facility that is majority-owned, operated, or controlled by the same corporate entity as a covered ArchCare health care facility.

This policy applies to all ArchCare workforce members, including employees, volunteers, trainees, medical staff, contracted providers, independent contractors, vendors, and any other persons acting on behalf of ArchCare or using ArchCare facilities, programs, systems, or resources.

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DEFINITIONS:

“Health care facility” pursuant to Public Health Law Article 28-F means a general hospital, nursing home, or residential health care facility as defined in section twenty-eight hundred one of this chapter, or a hospice as defined in section four thousand two of this chapter; provided that for the purposes of section twenty eight hundred ninety-nine-m of this article, “hospice” shall refer only to a facility providing in-patient hospice care or a hospice residence.

“Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD)” or **“Physician-Assisted Suicide (PAS)”** means the practice authorized under New York Public Health Law Article 28-F by which an attending physician prescribes medication to a qualified individual that the individual may choose to self-administer to bring about death. For purposes of this policy, ArchCare uses the terms Medical Aid in Dying (MAiD) and Physician-Assisted Suicide (PAS) together, as New York law refers to the practice as “Medical Aid in Dying,” while ArchCare’s Catholic moral tradition and the Ethical and Religious Directives understand the same practice as assisted suicide or as an action intended to hasten death.

POLICY:

This policy is grounded in ArchCare's sincerely held religious beliefs and moral convictions as a Catholic health ministry sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York, as expressed in the *Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services* issued by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, which prohibit Catholic health care institutions from participating in any act that intentionally hastens the death of a patient. These convictions are central to ArchCare's identity and operating principles and are inseparable from its mission as a Catholic ministry.

It is the Policy of ArchCare and its affiliated entities not to participate in the prescribing, ordering, dispensing, facilitating, storing, or self-administration of life-ending medication under the New York Medical Aid in Dying Act (Public Health Law Article 28-F, §2899-m) within any covered ArchCare health facility, or applicable affiliated facility, or through ArchCare staff, services, systems, pharmacy, vendors, or resources. ArchCare will comply with applicable law while maintaining its non-participation in MAiD/PAS.

All patients and residents will be informed of this policy prior to admission whenever practicable, or as soon as reasonably possible after admission if prior notice was not practicable.

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PROHIBITED CONDUCT

No ArchCare personnel may, in the course of their ArchCare duties, prescribe, order, dispense, store, facilitate, coordinate, witness, arrange, or participate in any step of the MAiD/PAS process.

This prohibition includes being present in a clinical, supportive, or professional role during self-administration; permitting self-administration of MAiD/PAS medication on ArchCare premises; serving as a witness to a patient’s MAiD written request form under PHL § 2899-k; providing instructions on how to obtain MAiD/PAS medication; coordinating MAiD/PAS services; or misleading, coercing, retaliating against, or withholding required neutral information from a patient, resident, member, or representative.

PHARMACY AND MEDICATION CONTROL

ArchCare pharmacies, medication systems, staff, contractors, and vendors shall not accept, process, store, dispense, deliver, administer, or otherwise handle MAiD/PAS medications.

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