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SUBJECT: Medical Assistance in Dying	SUPERCEDES: February 2018	EFFECTIVE: September 2018

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To set out Park Manor Care’s philosophy and position with respect to Medical Assistance in Dying to residents, their families and responsible parties, employees, medical staff and the public.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Seventh-day Adventist Health Care Providers in Canada offer integrative care for the multifaceted needs of individuals at every stage of life, including end of life.
- 2.2 Seventh-day Adventists recognize all human life deserves respect and protection and Seventh-day Adventist Health Care Providers recognize their duty to care for their patients and residents.
- 2.3 Seventh-day Adventist Health Care Providers treat patients, residents and their families respectfully, with careful attention to expressions of personal preferences and recognition of their right to self-determination.
- 2.4 The Seventh-day Adventist Church has adopted an official statement, “Care for the Dying”, as voted in spring of 2013, which forms part of this document.

3. DEFINITIONS

- 3.1 **Abstaining Facility:** in accordance with MHSAL Policy 200.33, an operator of a faith-based facility that is funded, but not owned or operated by the WRHA that provides publically funded health services to persons in a manner which is consistent with the fundamental religious principles of the religion or faith to which it adheres, and adopts and publishes an official policy or position that it will not allow MAiD or certain aspects of processes associated with MAiD, to be provided within its facility.
- 3.2 **Employees:** all administration, nursing and support staff employed by Park Manor Care.
- 3.3 **Health Care Providers:** health care professionals and health care organizations providing insured services in Canada.
- 3.4 **MAiD:** Medical Assistance in Dying in accordance with MHSAL Policy 200.33, is the circumstance where a medical practitioner or nurse practitioner, at an individual’s request: (a) administers a substance that causes an individual’s death; or (b) prescribes a substance for an individual to self-administer to cause their own death. The definition of MAiD is not inclusive of processes that may or may not culminate in MAiD.
- 3.5 **MAiD Team:** in accordance with WRHA Policy 100.000.400, the group of health care professionals known as the Provincial MAiD Clinical Team who have been approved by the WRHA Chief Medical Officer to provide MAiD.

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- 3.6 **Medical Staff:** Physicians, accredited by the Health Region and duly appointed by the Board of Directors of Park Manor Care, with privileges to provide medical care and on-call services at Park Manor Care.
- 3.7 **MHSAL:** Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living.
- 3.8 **Resident:** an individual who has been admitted into long term care at Park Manor Care.
- 3.9 **WRHA:** Winnipeg Regional Health Authority

4. POLICY

- 4.1 Park Manor Care, is an Abstaining Facility, and as such will refrain from participating in MAiD as provided for in Manitoba and Canada, and from knowingly providing assistance in causing death or admitting an individual for the purpose of receiving MAiD. Park Manor Care will not reject the admission of an individual who has expressed an interest in MAiD.
- 4.2 Park Manor Care will provide palliative care for residents who are at the end of life, and will take no action for the purpose of causing death.
- 4.3 Park Manor Care will address the physical, emotional, social and spiritual needs of all our Residents, including those individuals who may be facing the possibility of death.
- 4.4 Park Manor Care will care for individuals who are dying with compassion in ways that respect human life, preserve trust in the patient-physician relationship, honour patient choices, and provide the fullest possible relief from pain and suffering.
- 4.5 Park Manor Care will instruct all Employees and Medical Staff to refrain from providing, or assisting in the provision of, MAiD, at Park Manor Care.
- 4.6 Park Manor Care will hold in confidence all information pertaining to a Resident's request for MAiD. Release of health record information to the MAiD Team shall be in accordance with *The Personal Health Information Act* (PHIA).
- 4.7 Park Manor Care will comply with WRHA policy transfer protocols for the purpose of MAiD.
- 4.8 Park Manor Care will cooperate with the WRHA in the event of any complaints made against Park Manor Care, Medical Staff, Employees or the MAiD Team with respect to any aspect of care or assessment for a Resident who has requested or has been accepted for MAiD.

5. PROCEDURE

- 5.1 This document will be made available to the public, Employees, Medical Staff, Residents of Park Manor Care and their families, advising that we are an Abstaining Facility in accordance with the MHSAL Policy on MAiD. This document will be published on our website www.parkmanor.ca and printed copies will be available upon request.
- 5.2 Employees and Medical Staff shall be instructed to refrain from promoting MAiD or engaging in regards to the subject of MAiD with a Resident or their family, except as provided for in this document.

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- 5.3 Park Manor Care will ensure that Employees and Medical Staff understand that they are not required to provide, or assist in providing, MAiD.
- 5.4 All questions or concerns of a Resident or their family regarding end of life care will be addressed by the Nursing and Medical Staff, who will work together to offer care and treatment options to address the resident's concerns and needs.
- 5.5 In the event an inquiry for information about MAiD or a request for MAiD is received from a Resident or their family, the inquiry or request shall immediately be referred by the Employee or Medical Staff receiving the request to the Director of Social Services or Resident Services, who will provide information about this policy, and within 24 hours of the request provide them contact information for the MAiD Team or Health Links – Info Sante;
- 5.6 Park Manor Care shall hold requests for MAiD as confidential to protect the privacy of the Resident. An inquiry or acceptance of a Resident for MAiD services will in no way change Park Manor Care's provision of respectful quality care to that Resident within the scope and/or rights of an Abstaining Facility as provided for in this document.
- 5.7 The Director of Resident Services will provide the Resident's care plan and chart to the MAiD Team, including progress notes and other such pertinent documentation, subject to receipt of written request by the MAiD Team, advising that consent has been given by the Resident.
- 5.8 Park Manor Care will allow access to the Resident by the MAiD Team for the purpose of determining eligibility of the Resident for MAiD or for completing the assessment process, with the expectation that these steps will be conducted in such a manner as to protect the privacy of the Resident.
- 5.9 Park Manor Care shall advise a Resident who has been accepted for the provision of MAiD services, that MAiD services are not authorized to be performed at Park Manor Care and that their transfer to another location for MAiD will be subject to the Resident being assessed as able to safely transfer to that location, and that they may not be able to access MAiD if they are too ill or frail to be transferred or if the Resident declines to be transferred.
- 5.10 Upon advisement from the MAiD Team, Park Manor Care shall discharge the Resident on the date that MAiD services have been provided.
- 5.11 Should a Resident be transferred to another facility for MAiD, but the service is not provided, the Resident will be able to return to Park Manor Care and continue to receive long term care services.

6. MAiD CONTACT INFORMATION

- 6.1 Website: www.wrha.mb.ca/maid
- 6.2 Email: maid@wrha.mb.ca
- 6.3 Telephone: 204-926-1380
- 6.4 Toll Free Telephone: 1-844-891-1825

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6.5 Health Links – Info Sante :
Telephone: 204-788-8200
Toll-Free Telephone: 1-888-315-9527

7. REFERENCES

- 7.1 Seventh-day Adventist Church official statement, “Care for the Dying”, as voted in spring of 2013.
- 7.2 *The Personal Health Information Act* and related policy.
- 7.3 Minister of Health, Seniors Active Living Policy 200.33 Medical Assistance in Dying.
- 7.4 WRHA Policy 110.000.400 Medical Assistance in Dying, including Complaint and Transfer protocols.