Vermont Medical Aid In Dying Process

Act 39 provides a detailed set of qualifications and a required process in order for a doctor to

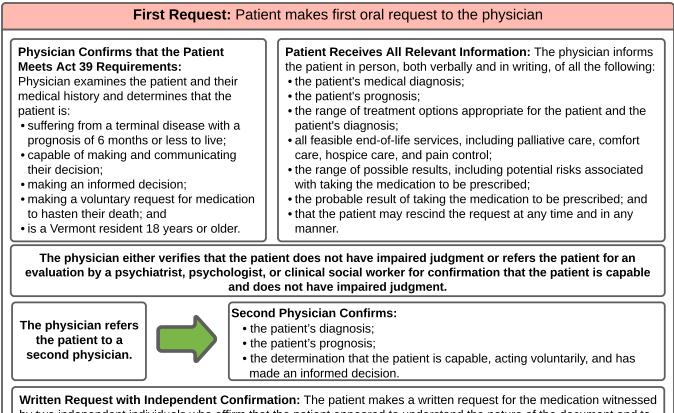
legally prescribe medical aid in dying.

Before the Statutory Process Begins

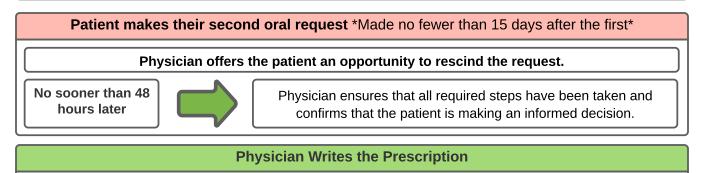
- Patient gets terminal diagnosis, and a prognosis of 6 months or less.
- Patient and physician discuss all available options related to terminal care.
- Patient decides to pursue medical-aid-in-dying.
- Patient discusses medical-aid-in dying with their physician and asks whether their physician will agree to support them through the process.
- If the Physician agrees, the statutory process begins.

Statutory Process Begins (18 VSA Chapter 113)

Before the physician can write the prescription, the following steps must be taken and documented in the patient's medical record.



by two independent individuals who affirm that the patient appeared to understand the nature of the document and to be free from duress or undue influence at the time the request was signed.



Medical Record: Physician records all of the above, including dates and times of each step and the medication prescribed, in the patient's medical record.

Reporting: Physician completes and files the forms required with the Department of Health.