

## **Euthanasia**

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PeaceHealth recognizes death as a part of life and, as such, does not participate in or in any way support the hastening of the end of life through euthanasia.

Euthanasia, as defined for this policy, is the active and direct taking of the life of a patient. This does not include forgoing or withdrawing disproportionately burdensome or futile treatment (e.g., medically administered hydration and nutrition or ventilation). Providing appropriate pain medication which may unintentionally hasten death is not considered euthanasia.