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MEMORANDUM

To: All EMS Providers, Fire Districts and EMS Agencies

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Subject: New York State Medical Aid in Dying Law

The New York State Department of Health has posted two (2) new policy statements, 26-06 "Medical Aid in Dying EMS Response Guidance" and 26-05 "Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment" which updates the previous version of the MOLST 23-12.

Both of these policy statements address the recent "Medical Aid in Dying" Law from New York State - Article 28-F of the Public Health Law Chapter 45, August 7, 2026.

Please review the new policy statements on the attached links.

<https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/ems/pdf/26-06.pdf>

<https://www.health.ny.gov/professionals/ems/pdf/26-05.pdf>

These policy statements remind EMS providers that under no circumstances may an EMS provider assist with or administer medications prescribed to a patient under the new "Medical Aid in Dying" Law. All such medications must be prescribed to the patient by the patient's physician and must be self-administered by the patient themselves. The Law states that no other person or health care provider may administer the medications.