

## NEW MEXICO END-OF-LIFE OPTIONS ACT

### FACILITY NOTICE

The New Mexico Elizabeth Whitefield End-of-Life Options Act (Whitefield Act) became effective June 18, 2021.

- Pursuant to the Whitefield Act, this notice is provided to hospice inpatients and/or their legal representatives that Presbyterian Healthcare Services hospitals do not allow patients to self-administer medical aid in dying prescriptions within their premises.
- Providers and other staff of the hospital are entitled to exercise their right of conscience and are not required to participate in medical aid in dying.
- All terminally ill patients have the right to know of all reasonable options related to their care that are legally available to them and meet medical standards of care for end-of-life care.

Specific information regarding the Whitefield Act, including patient eligibility requirements, how to apply for medical aid in dying, and how to find a prescriber, can be found here:

<https://endoflifeoptionsnm.org/advocacy/end-of-life-options-act/>.