



MN Alliance for Ethical Healthcare
Ensuring real care throughout life's journey

The Alliance is a coalition of 60+ organizations including health care providers, disability advocates, mental health experts, faith communities, and veterans organizations committed to ensuring real healthcare throughout life's journey while not hastening death. We advocate for compassionate alternatives to the legalization of assisted suicide.

Alliance 2021 Legislative Agenda

- **Oppose End-of-Life Option Act HF 1358 (Freiberg)/SF 1352 (Eaton)**
The bill would legalize assisted suicide for terminally ill adults. Assisted suicide is not end-of-of life care. It is patient abandonment because legalizing assisted suicide denigrates the "standard of care" that doctors are expected to provide. Forcing doctors to advise patients of the opportunity for assisted suicide as a treatment option undermines the trust between the doctor and patient, namely, that the physician is working to heal and never to harm.
- **Support Veterans Suicide Prevention Initiative HF 752 (Ecklund)/SF 722 (Lang)**
Suicide claims 100 Minnesota veterans lives per year. This initiative is designed to support healthy and empowered individuals, families, and communities to help them increase protection from suicide risk.
- **Support Personal Care Assistant Rate Reform HF 663 (Lippert)/SF 497 (Utke)**
The bill would establish enrollment requirements for personal care assistance agencies, establish additional duties for personal care assistants (PCAs), and would establish new payment rate methodology for their services including for community first services and supports (CFSS). Empowering parents and families to coordinate and manage their care at home improves health outcomes.
- **Support Palliative Care Advisory Council SF 2400 (Housley)/HF2517 (Reyer)**
The Council is made up of a variety of healthcare and medical professionals who have palliative care work experience or expertise. Full funding would allow the Council to fulfill its purpose to make assessments of the availability of palliative care in Minnesota, analyze barriers to greater access to palliative care, and recommend legislative action to improve the access and use of palliative care.



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Alliance Partners

- AALFA Family Clinic
- American Academy of Medical Ethics
- American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD)
- Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living (APRIL)
- Autistic Self Advocacy Network (ASAN)
- Benedictine Health System
- Betsy's Team
- Catholic Eldercare
- Catholic Health Association of Minnesota
- Center for Bioethics and Culture
- Christian Medical and Dental Association
- Curatio Apostolate of Catholic Healthcare Professionals
- Democrats for Life
- Diocese of Winona Guild of the Catholic Medical Association (Rochester)
- Disability Justice Network
- Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund
- Franciscan Brothers of Peace
- Gianna Homes
- Healthcare Advocacy Leadership Organization (HALO)
- Hospice Patients Alliance
- Human Life Alliance
- Islamic Center of Minnesota
- Jewish War Veterans
- Knights of Columbus Minnesota State Council
- Life Legal Minnesota
- Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Minnesota North District
- Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Minnesota South District
- Lutherans for Life
- Minnesota Catholic Conference
- Minnesota Family Council
- Minnesota Rural Health Association
- Muslim American Society
- National Council on Independent Living
- North Star Law & Policy Center
- Not Dead Yet
- Order of Malta
- Our Family Encouter
- Our Lady of Peace Hospice & Home Care
- Paralyzed Veterans of America, Minnesota Chapter
- Patients Rights Action Fund
- Prenatal Partners for Life
- Pro-life Healthcare Alliance
- Saint Paul and Minneapolis Guild of the Catholic Medical Association
- St. Joseph Business Guild
- St. Raphael Guild of the Catholic Medical Association (Duluth)
- Students for Human Life at the University of Minnesota
- The Arc Minnesota
- The Heart and Mind Connection
- The Lutheran Home Association
- University of Saint Thomas ProLife Center

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