



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

The Alliance is a coalition of 90 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 2022 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. Protecting the choices of a few by legalizing assisted suicide endangers the healthcare choices for all.
- **Support Palliative Care Advisory Council SF 2400 (Housley)/HF 2517 (Reyer)**  
The Council is made up of a variety of healthcare and medical professionals who have palliative care work experience or expertise. 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.
- **Support Palliative Care Definition SF 2912 (Housley)/HF 3148 (Reyer)**  
Modifies state statute to accurately define palliative care. Currently, state statute incorrectly defines palliative care as a form of care for incurable diseases. A correct and comprehensive definition can help in clarifying to providers and patients that palliative care is not synonymous with end-of-life care, that it is beneficial at the time of diagnosis, and should not be limited to patients with a terminal illness. In future, a more precise definition could help with expanding access to palliative care coverage.
- **Support Long-Term Care Rescue Package SF 2786 (Housley)**  
As a result of COVID-19 and its after-effects, many long-term care and assisted living facilities continue to face significant stress related to staffing shortages which have diminished care giving capacity. This bill will help retain current workers, recruit new employees, and help providers better manage regulatory requirements.



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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 Faith Community Nurse Ministry Association
- Catholic Health Association of Minnesota
- Center for Bioethics and Culture
- Center for Disability Rights
- 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
- Euthanasia Prevention Coalition
- Euthanasia Prevention Coalition USA
- Franciscan Brothers of Peace
- Gianna Homes
- Human Life Alliance
- International Association for Hospice and Palliative Care
- Islamic Center of Minnesota
- Jewish War Veterans
- Knights of Columbus Minnesota State Council
- Life Legal Minnesota
- Lutherans for Life
- Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Minnesota North District
- Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, Minnesota South District
- Metropolitan Center for Independent Living
- Military Order of the Purple Heart Department of Minnesota
- Minnesota Catholic Conference
- Minnesota Family Council
- Minnesota Rural Health Association
- Muslim American Society
- National Catholic Partnership on Disability (NCPD)
- National Council on Independent Living
- North Star Law & Policy Center
- Not Dead Yet
- Order of Malta
- Our Family Encounter
- Our Lady of Peace Hospice & Home Care
- Paralyzed Veterans of America, Minnesota Chapter
- Patients Rights Action Fund
- Physicians for Compassionate Care Education Foundation (PCCEF)
- Prenatal Partners for Life
- Pro-life Healthcare Alliance
- Sacred Heart Guardians and Shelter
- Saint Paul and Minneapolis Guild of the Catholic Medical Association
- Scholl Institute of Bioethics
- St. Joseph Business Guild
- St. Raphael Guild of the Catholic Medical Association (Duluth)
- Students for Life
- The Arc Minnesota
- The Heart and Mind Connection
- The Lutheran Home Association
- The People's Patriot Project
- Transform Minnesota
- True North Legal
- Twincitiesgo
- University of Minnesota Students for Human Life
- University of St. Thomas ProLife Center
- University of St. Thomas Catholic Medical Association
- Wounded Warriors United – Minnesota

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