On November 24, 2016, the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) held a discussion forum entitled: Medical Assistance in Dying Information Needs for Health Systems and Public Reporting.

Representatives from Health Canada presented on the topic of “Federal Monitoring of Medical Assistance in Dying: Preliminary Policy Framework” to provide further clarity on the issue of MAID monitoring and oversight.

- The federal legislation which permits MAID in Canada authorizes the federal Minister of Health to make regulations to establish a monitoring regime, and establishes its key parameters (i.e., its scope, and sources of information).
- The estimated timelines for regulation development are approximately 18-24 months.
- The regulatory development process includes pre-publication in Canada Gazette I, at which point stakeholders will be able to provide feedback for consideration.
Interim Reporting

- Pending the regulatory regime, Health Canada is working with P/T governments to develop and release periodic interim reports, where data would include:
  - Number of MAID deaths
  - Basic demographic characteristics of those receiving MAID (e.g., age, sex)
  - Most common medical circumstances giving rise to requests for MAID

- The interim reports would:
  - Support public accountability in relation to MAID;
  - Support public protection and safety by reporting on the application of the eligibility criteria and safeguards required by the legislation, from a system-wide perspective; and,
  - Identify and monitor trends in relation to MAID.

- Possible for two interim reports to be released in 2017 and 2018.
Annual Public reporting

• At minimum, a long-term federal MAID monitoring regime would include:
  o Statistical profile of MAID in Canada, including:
    • Aggregate numbers of requests for, and provision of, MAID, nationally and by jurisdiction or region
    • Dynamics of requests for/provision of MAID
    • Characteristics of those requesting/receiving MAID
    • System-level information on providers of MAID
  o Application of eligibility criteria and safeguards
    • For requests that were denied: which eligibility criteria were not met
    • For all requests: supporting details and qualitative information on the application of the criteria and safeguards, including difficulties encountered
  o Multi-year trend analysis as more annual data becomes available

• Three classes of health care professionals must file information, including medical practitioners and nurse practitioners receiving written requests for MAID, as well as pharmacists dispensing medications for MAID.
  o Information may also be collected from coroners and medical examiners.
Information Needs (from MDs and NPs)

- Information required from an MD or NP who receives a written request, assesses the patient, and provides MAID may include:
  - Information about the person requesting MAID, and the provider receiving the request
  - Pathway of the request
  - Application of eligibility criteria and safeguards, with supporting details
  - Challenges encountered by providers with criteria and safeguards
  - Outcome of the request

- The amount of information to be provided will depend on the MD or NP’s involvement in the request.

- The information about individual cases will allow Health Canada to build the aggregate picture of MAID in Canada for the annual reports.
Other Requirements under federal legislation

• Overview and updates on other requirements under federal legislation were provided as an addendum to the Health Canada presentation:

Independent reviews

• The legislation requires the federal government to initiate independent reviews of issues relating to:
  o Requests by mature minors
  o Advance requests
  o Requests where mental illness is the sole underlying medical condition
• The reviews must be initiated by December 14, 2016, and resulting reports must be tabled in Parliament by December 2018.

Guides for completing death certificates in cases of MAID

• The legislation also requires the federal Minister of Health to establish guidelines on the information to be included on death certificates in cases where MAID has been provided.

Parliamentary review

• The provisions of the legislation are to be referred to a committee, for the purpose of reviewing them, at the start of the fifth year after its passage.
  o The review would also include the state of palliative care in Canada.
• The resulting report will include a statement setting out any changes to the provisions that the committee recommends.
On November 15, 2016, the Centre for Effective Practice (CEP) launched a MAID Tool intended to provide additional guidance to clinicians on MAID provision and process.

The MAID resource summarizes the requirements outlined in the federal legislation and guidelines by various provincial regulatory colleges and presents them in a logical, sequential order to support clinicians with a patient request for MAID.

The tool may be accessed through the following link: https://thewellhealth.ca/maid/

There had been strong interest in the CEP tool from stakeholders. The tool has been downloaded approximately 500 times since its release.

The tool will be translated into French soon.
MAID Cases in Ontario To-Date

Office of the Chief Coroner/Ontario Forensic Pathology Service MAiD Data

• Statistics as of: November 20, 2016

• Total number of cases completed in Ontario: 135
  – 133 physician-administered cases
  – 2 patient administered cases

• Underlying conditions:
  – Cancer-Related: 87
  – ALS: 12
  – Other Neurological: 17
  – CV/Resp: 9
  – Other: 10

• Setting of death:
  – Hospital 72
  – Home* 63

*Home includes: residence, long term care centres
And seniors/assisted living

Note: all data is provided by the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario and does not include the 13 court authorized cases from February 6, 2016 to June 6, 2016, for which data is not available.
Discussion

• Comments? Questions?
Key Contacts / Information Sharing Mechanisms

1. MOHLTC will continue to have these webinar sessions on a bi-weekly or as-needed basis. Future meetings will be coordinated by MOHLTC.

2. For clinicians who have any questions about the Clinician Referral Service:
   – E-mail: maidregistration@ontario.ca
   – To access the service, phone: 1-844-243-5880

3. For any public inquiries or general questions about MAID in Ontario:
   – E-mail: endoflifedecisions@ontario.ca
   – This is the email address that should be shared with your stakeholders/members for general inquiries
Helpful Links

Ontario.ca webpage:
https://www.ontario.ca/page/medical-assistance-dying-and-end-life-decisions

MOHLTC landing page:

CPSO website:
www.cpso.on.ca

CNO website:
www.cno.org

OCP website:
http://www.ocpinfo.com/

Clinician Aid A – Patient Request for Medical Assistance in Dying:
http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssb/forms/ssbforms.nsf/FormDetail?OpenForm&ACT=RDR&TAB=PROFILE&SRCH=1&ENV=W
WE&TIT=3889&NO=014-3889-22E

Clinician Aid B – (Primary) “Medical Practitioner” or “Nurse Practitioner” Medical Assistance in Dying Aid:
http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssb/forms/ssbforms.nsf/FormDetail?OpenForm&ACT=RDR&TAB=PROFILE&SRCH=1&ENV=W
WE&TIT=3890&NO=014-3890-22E

Clinician Aid C – (Secondary) “Medical Practitioner” or “Nurse Practitioner” Medical Assistance in Dying Aid:
http://www.forms.ssb.gov.on.ca/mbs/ssb/forms/ssbforms.nsf/FormDetail?OpenForm&ACT=RDR&TAB=PROFILE&SRCH=&EN
WE&TIT=3891&NO=014-3891-22E

Notice from the Executive Officer: Reimbursement and Claims Submissions using the Health Network System relating to Drugs for
Medical Assistance in Dying: