

MAiD Newsletter:

January 2023



1. Current Legislation:

- Canada's legislation **Bill C-7** provided a time-limited exclusion for individuals whose sole underlying medical condition is a mental illness, from being eligible for MAiD. This exclusion was to end March 17, 2023, but the federal government has put the March 17, 2023 date **on hold** until provincial safeguards and processes are established.
 - **At this time, if a mental illness is the only condition leading someone to seek MAiD, they are not eligible.**

2. **NEW Provincial MAiD forms available Jan 1st:**

- There are ***new*** provincial MAiD forms for both patients and assessors that must be used on/after January 1, 2023. The new forms reflect the new federal reporting requirements. The new forms can be accessed via the [BC Ministry of Health MAiD website](#) or from the internal [MAiD website](#) link to the MOH page.
- **For Patient Requests:** The Request for MAiD form is now 3 pages, not 2 (large print is now 5 pages). Please use the new forms for all new requests going forward. "Old" forms started before 2023 will be accepted.
- **The MAiD Assessment forms** have been updated.
- Many of the changes to the forms are specific to capturing a person's *self-identified* gender, race, indigenous identity and disability. The reason for this is to better understand the characteristics of people requesting MAiD and to determine if there are any groups or populations who are disproportionately impacted

3. MAiD Coordination Centre (MCC):

- The MAiD Coordination Centre is happy to assist with coordination, but we need to understand what the request is. Please use a [cover sheet](#) with instructions when faxing in forms or indicate the request in your email.

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