

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

TITLE 2. HEALTH

SUBTITLE G. LICENSES AND OTHER REGULATION

CHAPTER 142A. SUPPORTIVE PALLIATIVE CARE SERVICES

Sec. 142A.0001. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "supportive palliative care" means physician-directed interdisciplinary patient- and family-centered care provided to a patient with a serious illness without regard to the patient's age or terminal prognosis that:

(1) may be provided concurrently with methods of treatment or therapies that seek to cure or minimize the effects of the patient's illness; and

(2) seeks to optimize the quality of life for a patient with a life-threatening or life-limiting illness and the patient's family through various methods, including methods that seek to:

(A) anticipate, prevent, and treat the patient's total suffering related to the patient's physical, emotional, social, and spiritual condition;

(B) address the physical, intellectual, emotional, cultural, social, and spiritual needs of the patient; and

(C) facilitate for the patient regarding treatment options, education, informed consent, and expression of desires.

Added by Acts 2019, 86th Leg., R.S., Ch. 609 (S.B. [916](#)), Sec. 1, eff. June 10, 2019.

Sec. 142A.0002. REFERENCE IN OTHER LAW. Notwithstanding any other law, a reference in this code or other law to palliative care means supportive palliative care.

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