

# Federal Law Pertaining to MAID

## NHPCO Medical Aid in Dying Resource Series



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The **Assisted Suicide Funding Restriction Act of 1997** explicitly prohibits any use of federal funds to

- “(1) provide any health care item or service furnished for the purpose of causing, or for the purpose of assisting in causing, the death of any individual, such as by assisted suicide, euthanasia, or mercy killing;
- (2) to pay (directly, through payment of Federal financial participation or other matching payment, or otherwise) for such an item or service, including payment of expenses relating to such an item or service; or
- (3) to pay (in whole or in part) for health benefit coverage that includes any coverage of such an item or service or of any expenses relating to such an item or service.”

See full text of the statute and consult with legal counsel for specific application to your agency or service.