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We ask physicians to use their clinical expertise to a) Determine whether their patient has a terminal illness. B) Determine whether their patient has a six month or less prognosis. C) Determine whether their patient has capacity enough to make their own decisions. D) Determine whether their patient has the physical ability to self-ingest. This proposed amendment (LD 613) now requests physicians to continue using their clinical experience and expertise in order to extend a waiver of the 17-day administrative waiting period, if necessary. All qualified patients must have access to aid-in-dying medication without having to worry they will die during the waiting period. Physicians should have full use of their clinical discretion to care for their patients.