

211.295 Definitions for KRS 211.295 to 211.297.

As used in KRS 211.295 to 211.297:

- (1) "Cabinet" means the Cabinet for Health and Family Services;
- (2) "Council" means the Palliative Care Interdisciplinary Advisory Council established under KRS 211.296;
- (3) "Health facility" has the same meaning as in KRS 216B.015;
- (4) "Medical care" means services provided, requested, or supervised by a physician licensed pursuant to KRS Chapter 311 or advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to KRS Chapter 314;
- (5) "Palliative care" means patient- and family-centered medical care that anticipates, prevents, and treats suffering caused by serious illness and involves addressing the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual needs of a patient and facilitating patient autonomy, access to information, and choice. Causing or hastening death shall not be deemed a method for anticipating, preventing, or treating suffering as described in this subsection; and
- (6) "Serious illness" means any medical illness, physical injury, or condition that causes substantial suffering for more than a short period of time, including but not limited to Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, lung disease, cancer, or heart, renal, or liver failure.

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