

Alaska

Patients diagnosed with the following illnesses are afforded legal protection under this act: *cachexia; cancer; chronic pain; epilepsy and other disorders characterized by seizures; glaucoma; HIV or AIDS; multiple sclerosis and other disorders characterized by muscle spasticity; and nausea.*

Other conditions are subject to approval by the Alaska Department of Health and Social Services.

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California

Conditions typically covered by the law include but are not limited to: *arthritis; cachexia; cancer; chronic pain; HIV or AIDS; epilepsy; migraine; and multiple sclerosis.*

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Colorado

Patients diagnosed with the following illnesses are afforded legal protection under this act: *cachexia; cancer; chronic pain; chronic nervous system disorders; epilepsy and other disorders characterized by seizures; glaucoma; HIV or AIDS; multiple sclerosis and other disorders characterized by muscle spasticity; and nausea.*

Other conditions are subject to approval by the Colorado Board of Health.

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Hawaii

Patients diagnosed with the following illnesses are afforded legal protection under this act: *cachexia; cancer; chronic pain; Crohn's disease; epilepsy and other disorders characterized by seizures; glaucoma; HIV or AIDS; multiple sclerosis and other disorders characterized by muscle spasticity; and nausea.*

Other conditions are subject to approval by the Hawaii Department of Health.

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Maine

Patients diagnosed with the following illnesses are afforded legal protection under this act: *epilepsy and other disorders characterized by seizures; glaucoma; multiple sclerosis and other disorders characterized by muscle spasticity; and nausea or vomiting as a result of AIDS or cancer chemotherapy.*

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Montana

Patients diagnosed with the following illnesses are afforded legal protection under this act: *cachexia or wasting syndrome; severe or chronic pain; severe nausea; seizures, including but not limited to seizures caused by epilepsy; or severe or persistent muscle spasms, including but not limited to spasms caused by multiple sclerosis or Crohn's disease.*

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Nevada

Patients diagnosed with the following illnesses are afforded legal protection under this act: *AIDS; cancer; glaucoma; and any medical condition or treatment to a medical condition that produces cachexia, persistent muscle spasms or seizures, severe nausea or pain.*

Other conditions are subject to approval by the health division of the state Department of Human Resources.

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Oregon

Patients diagnosed with the following illnesses are afforded legal protection under this act: *cachexia; cancer; chronic pain; epilepsy and other disorders characterized by seizures; glaucoma; HIV or AIDS; multiple sclerosis and other disorders characterized by muscle spasticity; and nausea.*

Last year the Oregon Board of Health *approved agitation due to Alzheimer's disease to the list of debilitating conditions* qualifying for legal protection.

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Rhode Island

Patients diagnosed with the following illnesses are afforded legal protection under this act: *cachexia; cancer; glaucoma; Hepatitis C; severe, debilitating, chronic pain; severe nausea; seizures, including but not limited to, those characteristic of epilepsy; or severe and persistent muscle spasms, including but not limited to, those characteristic of multiple sclerosis or Crohn's Disease; or agitation of Alzheimer's Disease.*

Other conditions are subject to approval by the Rhode Island Department of Health.

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Vermont

Patients diagnosed with the following illnesses are afforded legal protection under this act: HIV or AIDS, cancer, and Multiple Sclerosis.

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Washington

Patients diagnosed with the following illnesses are afforded legal protection under this act: cachexia; cancer; HIV or AIDS; epilepsy; glaucoma; intractable pain (defined as pain unrelieved by standard treatment or medications); and multiple sclerosis.

Other conditions are subject to approval by the Washington Board of Health.

AMENDMENTS: Yes. Last year, the Washington's Medical Quality Assurance Commission approved Crohn's disease, Hepatitis C, and "any disease, including anorexia, which results in nausea, vomiting, wasting, appetite loss, cramping, seizures, muscle spasms, and/or spasticity, when these symptoms are unrelieved by standard treatments."