

Preparing for Accreditation in Aged Care

Meeting Clinical Care Standard Outcome 5.7: Palliative Care and End-of-Life Care

Under the new Aged Care Act (Cth), aged care providers will be required to be accredited against the **Strengthened Aged Care Quality Standards**.

Outcome 5.7: Palliative Care and End-of-Life Care of Standard 5: Clinical Care requires that:

The older person's needs, goals and preferences for palliative care and end-of-life care are recognised and addressed and their dignity is preserved.

The older person's pain and symptoms are actively managed with access to specialist palliative and end-of-life care when required, and their family and carers are informed and supported, including during the last days of life.

The following free **End of Life Law for Clinicians** (ELLC) training modules can support providers to meet Outcome 5.7:

- » **Module 2: Capacity and consent to medical treatment**
- » **Module 3: Withholding and withdrawing life-sustaining treatment**
- » **Module 4: Advance Care Planning and Advance Care Directives**
- » **Module 5: Substitute decision-making**
- » **Module 6: Legal protection for providing pain and symptom relief**
- » **Module 8: Futile or non-beneficial treatment**
- » **Module 12: Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Peoples and end of life law**



- » **Module 13: Inclusive end of life decision-making for diverse populations (LGBTIQ+ older people; People from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds; People with disability; and People with frailty).**

These Modules can help providers to:

- » recognise when the older person requires palliative care or is approaching the end of their life, support the person to prepare for the end-of-life, and respond to their changing needs and preferences (**Action 5.7.1**).
- » support the older person, their family, carers and substitute decision maker, to continue end-of-life planning conversations, review advance care planning documents, and discuss requesting or declining life-prolonging treatment (**Action 5.7.2**).
- » uses its processes from comprehensive care to plan and deliver palliative care that supports the older person's spiritual and cultural needs, identifies and manages changes in pain (**Action 5.7.3**).

Download the **Meeting Quality and Safety Standards in Aged Care** guide to find out how ELLC's training modules can also help providers to meet other Standards.

Register for the ELLC online training modules at ellc.edu.au

About End of Life Law for Clinicians

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