

**Sec. 17b-262-834. Certification of terminal illness**

(a) The provider shall obtain an initial certification of the client's terminal illness jointly from the medical director of the hospice or a physician member of the hospice interdisciplinary group and the client's attending physician, if an attending physician is identified, prior to the beginning of hospice services.

(b) The initial certification shall state that the client's life expectancy is six months or less and shall include clinical information to support this medical prognosis. The initial certification is valid for the first 90 days of hospice care.

(c) At the end of the first 90-day period, a second 90-day period may be certified by the medical director of the hospice or the physician member of the hospice interdisciplinary group. The certification shall include clinical information to support this medical prognosis;

(d) An unlimited number of 60-day periods may be certified following the first two 90-day periods by the medical director of the hospice or the physician member of the hospice interdisciplinary group. The certification shall include clinical information to support this medical prognosis

(e) An APRN may not certify or recertify a terminally ill diagnosis.

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