

# Assisted Suicide: People Abused and Exploited

## Dr. Callister: Will Insurance Companies do the Right Thing or the Cheap Thing?

"Legalizing assisted suicide actually limits your choices and access to healthcare by creating perverse incentives for insurance companies to deny costly care and offer a cheap death instead."

Dr. Callister had two patients, one from California and one from Oregon, that needed life-saving treatments, and the insurance medical directors in both cases denied the life-saving treatments but readily offered assisted suicide instead. These patients would NOT have been terminal with treatment but were offered assisted suicide even though neither Dr. Callister nor his patients ever requested the lethal drugs.

Assisted suicide laws inject governmental pressure and profit-driven insurance decisions into everyone's end-of-life care, leaving a great many with suicide being the only "option" to which they have equal access.

