

# Assisted Suicide: People Abused and Exploited

## 2016 Oregon Patient with Diabetes: People who are NOT Dying Qualify for Assisted Suicide

*“If I choose to stop managing my diabetes or my insurance company denies coverage for my insulin, I will qualify for assisted suicide.”*

“Terminal” in assisted suicide bills has been interpreted in Oregon to mean “with or without” treatment. This definition leaves individuals with disabilities wide open to potential abuse. The list of conditions eligible for assisted suicide in Oregon, according to annual reports, has grown over the years to include: “endocrine/metabolic disease (e.g., diabetes), arthritis, arteritis, sclerosis, stenosis...” But people with many such conditions would not die if properly treated.

The expansive definition of “terminal” in assisted suicide laws includes a great many people with disabilities who could live for decades with proper treatment.

