

Assisted Suicide: People Abused and Exploited

Barbara Wagner: Refused Treatment and Offered Assisted Suicide by the State Insurance

“They will pay to kill me, but they will not give me the medication to try and stop the growth of my cancer.”

Barbara Wagner was denied coverage for a cancer treatment which had measurable success in prolonging life and easing cancer-attendant pain. The denial letter from the State Oregon Health Plan stated it would not cover that medication, but it would cover end-of-life care including “physician aid-in dying.”

In our broken health care system, the presence of the ever-cheap assisted suicide option adds a coercive element to every request for assisted suicide.

