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Proposed amendments

No. 1   **Eligibility criteria—25 years or more**

Page 7, clause 16(1)(a), line 26. Omit "an adult". Insert instead "25 years of age or more".

No. 2   **Eligibility criteria—diagnosis by specialist**

Page 7, clause 16(1)(d), line 34. Insert ", by a medical practitioner who holds specialist registration in the recognised specialty that is relevant to the disease, illness or condition," after "diagnosed".

No. 3   **Eligibility criteria—cause of death**

Page 7, clause 16(1)(d)(ii), line 37. Omit "on the balance of probabilities". Insert instead "to a high degree of certainty based on professional medical opinion".

No. 4   **Eligibility criteria—no separate criteria for neurodegenerative diseases**

Page 7, clause 16(1)(d)(ii), lines 37–40. Omit from "cause death" to "otherwise—". Insert instead "cause death".

No. 5   **Eligibility criteria—suffering**

Page 7, clause 16(1)(d)(iii), line 41. Omit "suffering". Insert instead "pain or other physical symptoms".

No. 6   **Eligibility criteria—period to death**

Page 7, clause 16(1)(d)(iii), line 41. Insert ", after consultation with a specialist palliative medicine physician," after "that".

No. 7   **Eligibility criteria—not at the suggestion of others**

Page 8, clause 16(1). Insert after line 2—

      (ga)   the person is acting on the person's own initiative and not at the suggestion or urging of another person,

No. 8   **Eligibility criteria—disability is not a disease, illness or medical condition**

Page 8, clause 16. Insert after line 8—

      (3)   To avoid doubt, a disability is not a disease, illness or medical condition for the purposes of this section.

No. 9   **Eligibility criteria—mental health impairment is not a disease, illness or medical condition**

Page 8, clause 16. Insert after line 8—

(4)   To avoid doubt, a mental health impairment within the meaning of the *Mental Health and Cognitive Impairment Forensic Provisions Act 2020* is not a disease, illness or medical condition for the purposes of this section.