

60-4403. Standard of conduct of licensed health care professional related to assisting suicide; family member conduct; spiritual treatment. (a) A licensed health care professional who administers, prescribes or dispenses medications or procedures to relieve another person's pain or discomfort does not violate K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 21-5407, and amendments thereto, unless the medications or procedures are knowingly administered, prescribed or dispensed with the intent to cause death. A mid-level practitioner as defined in K.S.A. 65-1626, and amendments thereto, who prescribes medications or procedures to relieve another person's pain or discomfort does not violate K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 21-5407, and amendments thereto, unless the medications or procedures are knowingly prescribed with the intent to cause death.

(b) A licensed health care professional, family member or other legally authorized person who participates in the act of, or the decision making process which results in the withholding or withdrawal of a life-sustaining procedure does not violate K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 21-5407, and amendments thereto.

(c) Providing spiritual treatment through prayer alone, in lieu of medical treatment, does not violate K.S.A. 2014 Supp. 21-5407, and amendments thereto.

History: L. 1998, ch. 142, § 4; L. 1999, ch. 115, § 7; L. 2006, ch. 110, § 4; L. 2007, ch. 177, § 29; L. 2011, ch. 30, § 229; July 1.