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Amendments to the MAiD Standards and the Return of Medication Policy

In response to current shortages of medications for medical assistance in dying (MAiD), the *Standards of Practice: Medical Assistance in Dying* and the *Return of Medication Policy* have been amended to allow pharmacies to accept for return a previously dispensed injectable medication for the purposes of MAiD if they are satisfied that:

- the medication has not left the possession of the physician or nurse practitioner (or their authorized designate);
- each dose is full and has not been used; and
- the medication has been stored in accordance with required storage conditions.

These amendments are permanent and will be in effect after the COVID-19 pandemic.