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[Assembly Bill 4921](#), introduced in the New Jersey Assembly on December 5, 2022, would waive the 15-day waiting period between the oral requests for a terminally ill patient who, within reasonable medical certainty, is not expected to survive 15 days. Under current law, a terminally ill patient must make two oral requests at least 15 days apart, and one written request for medication, which may be submitted at any time, with at least 15 days between the initial oral request and the issuance of a prescription for the medication. This Bill maintains the 48-hour waiting period between the submission of a written request and the issuance of the prescription for medication.

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