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Physician Assisted Suicide remains a very real possibility in New York. There are currently 2 bills concerning this. Last week, we put 10 reasons that make these bills unnecessary, flawed and dangerous. To elaborate on reason 1 – **There is no screening or counseling for depression.** People who say they want to kill themselves are often clinically depressed. For those who receive a terminal diagnosis, the stress and turmoil can lead to a depressive episode. Yet there is no requirement in the legislation that patients receive counseling or mental health treatment before they choose a lethal, and irreversible, course of action. Depression can be treated with medication. *From New Yorkers for Life* – a coalition of groups including the Archdiocese of NY and disabilities groups and other caring groups.