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Compassionate Release State by State



State	State name of Compassionate Release program(s)	Covers Medical Condition(s)	Covers Terminal Illness (Prognosis, if Required)	Covers Advanced Age (Age (and other Requirements))	Final Decision-Maker
Alabama	Medical Parole	X	X (12 months or less to live)	X Age 60+ (with infirmity, illness, or disease related to aging)	Board of Pardons and Paroles
	Medical Furlough	X	X (12 months or less to live)	X Age 55+ (with infirmity, illness, or disease related to aging)	Commissioner, Department of Corrections
Alaska	Special Medical Parole	X	X		Board of Parole
	Geriatric Parole/Discretionary Parole Based on Age			X Age 60+ (and served at least 10 years)	Board of Parole
Arizona	Executive Clemency Due to Imminent Danger of Death		X (defined inconsistently as 3, 4, or 6 months to live)		Governor
	Compassionate Leave/Furlough	X	X		Department of Corrections, Rehabilitation, and Reentry
Arkansas	Medical Parole	X	X (2 years or less to live)		Parole Board
	Early Release to Home Detention	X	X (2 years or less to live)		Parole Board
	Executive Clemency Due to Life-Threatening Medical Condition	X	X		Governor
California	Medical Parole	X			Board of Parole Hearings
	Recall of Sentence	X	X (12 months or less to live)		Sentencing Court
	Elderly Parole			X Age 50+ (and served at least 20 years)	Board of Parole Hearings

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Colorado	Special Needs Parole	X	X	X Age 55+ (with chronic infirmity, illness, condition, disease, or mental health disorder) or Age 64+ (and served at least 20 years)	Board of Parole
Connecticut	Medical Parole		X (6 months or less to live)		Board of Pardons and Paroles
	Compassionate Parole Release	X		X (debilitated as a result of "advanced age")	Board of Pardons and Paroles
	Nursing Home Release		X		Warden and Commissioner, Department of Correction
Delaware	Sentence Modification Due to Illness or Infirmity	X			Sentencing Court
	Medical Parole (individuals designated as "Old-Law" prisoners)	X			Board of Parole
District of Columbia	Compassionate Release	X	X	X Age 60+ (and served 20 years or with a serious medical condition and served 15 years)	Sentencing Court
	Medical & Geriatric Suspension of Sentence	X	X	X Age 65+ (with chronic infirmity, illness, or disease related to aging)	Sentencing Court
	Medical & Geriatric Parole (individuals designated as "Old-Law" prisoners)	X	X (6 months or less to live)	X Age 65+ (with chronic infirmity, illness, or disease related to aging)	U.S. Parole Commission
Florida	Conditional Medical Release	X	X		Commission on Offender Review
	Medical Furlough	X	X (6 months or less to live)		Secretary, Department of Corrections

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Georgia	Medical Reprieve	X	X (12 months or less to live)		Board of Pardons and Paroles
	Parole Due to Disability or Advanced Age	X		X Age 62+	Board of Pardons and Paroles
Hawaii	Medical Release	X	X		Paroling Authority
Idaho	Medical Parole	X	X		Commision of Pardons and Parole
Illinois	Medical Release	X	X (18 months or less to live)		Prisoner Review Board
Indiana	Special Medical Clemency	X	X		Governor
	Temporary Leave		X		Warden
Iowa	NO COMPASSIONATE RELEASE				N/A
Kansas	Functional Incapacitation Release	X			Prisoner Review Board
	Terminal Medical Release		X (30 days or less to live)		Chair, Prisoner Review Board
Kentucky	Early Medical Consideration (Early Parole)	X	X (1 year or less to live)		Parole Board
Lousiana	Medical Parole	X	X (1 year or less to live)		Board of Pardons, Committee on Parole
	Medical Treatment Furlough	X			Board of Pardons, Committee on Parole

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Louisiana	Compassionate Release	X	X (60 days or less to live)		Secretary, Department of Public Safety and Corrections
	Parole: Advanced Age			X Age 60+ (and served 10 years)	Board of Pardons, Committee on Parole
Maine	Supervised Community Confinement	X	X		Commissioner, Department of Corrections
Maryland	Medical Parole	X	X ("imminently" terminal)		Parole Commission
	Geriatric Parole			X Age 60+ (and served at least 15 years)	Parole Commission
Massachusetts	Medical Parole	X	X (18 months or less to live)		Commissioner, Department of Correction
Michigan	Medical Parole	X	X		Parole Board
	Executive Clemency Due to Deteriorating or Terminal Medical Condition	X	X		Governor
Minnesota	Conditional Medical Release	X	X (12 months or less to live)		Commissioner, Department of Correction
Mississippi	Conditional Medical Release	X	X		Commissioner and Chief Medical Officer, Department of Corrections
	Geriatric Parole			X Age 60 (and served at least 10 years)	Parole Board
Missouri	Medical Parole	X	X (6 months or less to live)	X (advanced age with need for long-term nursing home care)	Parole Board

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Missouri	Executive Clemency Due to Illness or Advanced Age	X	X	X (advanced age with need for long-term nursing home care)	Governor
Montana	Medical Parole	X	X (6 months or less to live)		Board of Pardons and Parole
Nebraska	Medical Parole	X	X		Board of Parole
Nevada	Residential Confinement	X	X (18 months or less to live)		Director, Department of Corrections
	Geriatric Parole			X 65+ (and served majority of maximum term or maximum aggregate term)	Board of Parole Commissioners
New Hampshire	Medical Parole	X	X		Adult Parole Board
New Jersey	Compassionate Release	X	X (6 months or less to live)		Superior Court, Criminal Division
New Mexico	Medical and Geriatric Parole	X	X (6 months or less to live)	X 65+ (with chronic infirmity, illness, or disease related to aging)	Adult Parole Board
New York	Medical Parole	X	X		Board of Parole or for some individuals who are terminally ill, the Commissioner, Department of Corrections and Community Supervision
North Carolina	Medical Release	X	X (6 months or less to live)	X 65+ (with chronic infirmity, illness, or disease related to aging)	Post-Release Supervision and Parole Commission
	Extension of the Limits of Confinement	X	X (6 months or less to live)		Secretary, Department of Public Safety

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North Dakota	Medical Parole	X	X (death is imminent)		Parole Board
Ohio	Judicial Release	X	X (death is imminent, meaning 6 months or less to live, or condition is terminal, meaning 12 months or less to live)		Sentencing Court
	Release as if on Parole	X	X (death is imminent, meaning 6 months or less to live, or condition is terminal, meaning 12 months or less to live)		Governor
	Medical Release (individuals designated as “Old-Law” prisoners)	X	X (death is imminent, meaning 6 months or less to live, or condition is terminal, meaning 12 months or less to live)		Parole Board
Oklahoma	Medical Parole	X	X (6 months or less to live)		Pardon and Parole Board
	Parole Based on Advanced Age			X 60+ (and served 10 years or 1/3 of sentence, whichever is shorter)	Pardon and Parole Board
Oregon	Early Medical Release	X	X (12 months or less to live)	X (elderly)	Board of Parole and Post-Prison Supervision
Pennsylvania	Deferment of Sentence Due to Serious or Terminal Illness	X	X (12 months or less to live or likely to die in the “near future”)		Sentencing Court
Rhode Island	Medical Parole	X	X (18 months or less to live)		Parole Board

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South Carolina	Medical Parole for Terminally Ill, Geriatric, or Permanently Disabled Inmates	X	X (2 years or less to live)	X 70+ (and incapacitated from chronic medical condition related to aging)	Board of Pardons and Pardons
	Parole for Medical Reasons		X (1 year or less to live)		Board of Pardons and Pardons
	Medical Furlough/Extension of Limits of Confinement	X	X (1 year or less to live)	X (1 year or less to live)	Director, Department of Corrections
	Special Parole of Veterans for Psychiatric Treatment	X			Board of Pardons and Pardons
South Dakota	Compassionate Parole	X	X	X 65+ (expensive medical needs and served 10+ years) or 70+ (and served at least 30 years)	Board of Pardons and Pardons
	Extension of Confinement	X			Warden and Secretary, Department of Corrections
Tennessee	Medical Furlough	X	X (1 year or less to live)		Commissioner, Department of Correction
	Executive Clemency: Illness/Disability	X	X		Governor
	Geriatric Parole			X 70+ (and likely to die due to a chronic and incurable condition)	Board of Parole
Texas	Medically Recommended Intensive Supervision	X	X (6 months or less to live)	X 65+	Board of Pardons and Pardons
	Emergency Medical Reprieve	X	X		Governor
Utah	Compassionate Release	X		X ("advancing age")	Board of Pardons and Pardons

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Vermont	Medical Parole	X	X (18 months or less to live)		Parole Board
	Medical Furlough	X	X (18 months or less to live)		Commissioner, Department of Corrections and Directors of Classification and Field Services
Virginia	Conditional Release Based on Terminal Illness		X (12 months or less to live)		Parole Board
	Executive Clemency: Medical		X (3 months or less to live)		Governor
	Geriatric Conditional Release			X 60+ (and served at least 10 years) or 65+ (and served at least 5 years)	Parole Board
Washington	Extraordinary Medical Placement	X			Secretary, Department of Corrections
	Extraordinary Release	X		X ("advanced age")	Governor
West Virginia	Executive Clemency Due to Life-Threatening Medical Condition		X		Governor
	Medical Respite	X	X 120 Days or Less to Live		Governor
Wisconsin	Sentence Modification Due to Extraordinary Health Condition or Age	X	X (12 months or less to live)	X 60+ (and served at least 10 years) or 65+ (and served at least 5 years)	Sentencing Court
	Parole Due to Extraordinary Circumstances (individuals designated as "Old-Law" Prisoners)	X		X ("advanced age")	Parole Commission
Wyoming	Medical Parole		X (12 months or less to live)	X ("incapacitation because of age")	Board of Parole




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