

Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) Update

Very Important: Two physician certification and signature of determination of lack of decision-making capacity and lack of utility of cardiopulmonary resuscitation remains a requirement for all individuals, not only individuals with developmental disability.

The header on Step 9 of the August 2008 revised version of the "Supplemental" Documentation Form for Adults for the MOLST Program has caused confusion and will be revised. The December 2008 revision will be put into production and available in 2009. In the interim, the current form is legal and valid.

Two changes will be made:

- **A Change to the header: Step 9: Concurring physician certification and signature:**
- **Add 1 sentence:** *In some situations, patients with developmental disability require a physician signature to attest to lack of utility of CPR **and** a physician or psychologist with special experience or training in the field of developmental disabilities to attest to capacity determination.*

2008 year has been quite successful. We have revised and created some additional MOLST resources. Some are available for the first time.

MOLST FAQs! In December 2008 the NYSDOH approved the revised FAQs. Revisions have been made in light of the MOLST legislation along with the addition of 38 questions and answers. The FAQs on the EMS page parallel these. [View the new FAQs here.](#)

EMS Training! An EMS Web page with on-line continuing education credits for EMS providers is being utilized by EMS throughout NYS. It can be found at the [MOLST Training Center](#). This training was used successfully to address the training needs of EMS providers in pilot counties and led to passage of recent legislation that approves use of the MOLST in the pre-hospital setting statewide. The [EMS FAQs were revised](#) to be consistent with the approved MOLST FAQs.

MOLST Documentation Form! The MOLST Chart Documentation Form is a tool to document the advance care planning discussion between patients, families and providers. It parallels the 8-Step MOLST Protocol. [View the MOLST Chart Documentation Form here.](#)

Revised MOLST Logo! The Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) Program was adapted from an Oregon program called Physician Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment ([POLST](#)). Our logo (front page) was revised to identify the MOLST Program as a POLST Paradigm Program.

Training Manuals! The MOLST training manuals are available to folks who have recently been trained and are now equipped with the knowledge, tools and resources to educate patients, families and professionals in healthcare facilities and the community about Community Conversations on Compassionate Care (CCCC) and the MOLST Program. The model encompasses the CCCC Program, MOLST Program, Implementation and www.CompassionandSupport.org.

MOLST Program Trainer Agreement and Contact Information! A MOLST *training agreement* and *contact information* off the [December 2008 Bomba Letter](#) are now available if you would like to be considered a Train-the-Trainer on CCC and MOLST to patients, families and along with implementation of these programs to professionals in healthcare facilities and the community. Just complete and fax to (585) 453-6365.

As always, thank you for your support of the MOLST Program!

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